PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

CONVENED AT

RISING CITY, NEBRASKA,

SEPTEMBER 18th-25th, 1888.

ALSO

MINUTES

OF THE

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SEPTEMBER, 18th-20th, 1888.

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TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

To be the Tuesday evening before the first full moon in September.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Grand Island, Neb.

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The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Nebraska Synod met in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rising City, Nebraska, Rev. B. F. Pugh, pastor, at 4 o'clock p. m., September 18, 1888.

Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, D. D., preached the opening sermon in the German language, on the text Rom. xiv. 16–19.

The President, Rev. G. H. Schnur, Sr., presented his annual report in the German language.

Adjourned.

FIRST DAY—FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19, 9 A. M.

After devotional exercises, Synod was opened in regular form.

The President delivered the annual sermon in the English language, from the text 1 Cor. xiii.

Roll Call

Showed the following clerical and lay delegates:

Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Post Office.	Lay.
1. W. F. Eyster	1841	Crete.	
2. L. Knight*	1845	Yutan.	
3. S. Cook*	1851	Springfield.	
4. J. Zimmerman	1856	Lincoln.	
5. J. G. Grönmiller	1857	Hanover, Kan.	W. Kalhöfer.
6. S. Aughey, LL.D.*	1858	Hot Springs, Ark.	
7. J. F. Kuhlman	1858	Roca.	
8. H. W. Kuhns, D. D.	1858	Omaha.	
9. G. H. Schnur	1860	Yutan.	
10. W. Th. Sickel	1860	Rockport, Mo.	
11. M. J. Tjaden*	1860	Diller.	
12. C. Baird	1861	S. Sioux City.	
13. J. Bond*	1862	Ohiowa.	
14. H. Siekmann	1862	Hastings.	
15. J. Wolff	1863	Sterling.	
16. C. Anderson*	1864	Potter.	
17. H. Klockenmeyer*	1865	De Witte.	
18. M. L. Kunkelman	1866	Benedict	M. Trautman.
19. J. G. Griffith	1867	Auburn	E. W. Snyder.
20. J. Gutleben*	1870	Home, Kan.	
21. L. L. Lipe	1870	West Point	W. E. Krause.
22. H. C. Roernaes	1870	Norway, Kan.	
23. Wm. Thoele	1870	Carrico.	
24. R. Neumaerker	1872	Barada	Fritz Hackendorff.
25. J. S. Detweiler	1873	Omaha, 2518 Davenport st	M. B. Croll, M. D.
26. I. N. Augustine	1874	Carleton.	
27. D. H. Shultz	1875	Potter.	
28. J. H. Dirks	1876	Febing.	
29. J. W. Kimmel	1876	McCook.	
30. Chr. Moessner	1876	Columbus.	
31. F. W. Scheibel	1876	Amazon.	
32. M. J. Waage	1876	Glenwood Springs, Col.	
33. E. J. Hall*	1877	McCook.	
34. C. Huber	1877	Omaha, 2724 Burdette.	
35. B. F. Pugh	1877	Rising City	E. J. Schreckengast.
36. G. W. Fraser*	1877	Bloomington.	
37. J. C. Jacoby	1878	Nebraska City	Geo. F. Kregel.*
38. H. O. Opsal	1878	Laramie, Wyo.	
39. W. Rosenstengel	1878	Albuquerque, N. M.	
40. J. N. Zimmer*	1878	Elk City.	
41. S. E. Smith	1878	Ponca.	
42. G. H. Albright	1879	Beatrice	Wm. Ebright.
43. A. T. Ludwig*	1879	West Point.	
44. Fred. Gafert	1880	Grand Island.	

CLERICAL.	ENTERED MINISTRY.	POST OFFICE.	LAY.
45. J. N. Lenker	1880	Grand Island.	
46. M. L. Melick . . .	1880	Wayne.	
47. F. Spriegel	1880	Center Valley.	
48. Adam Stump	1880	North Platte.	
49. H. W. Fricke . . .	1881	Hooper	John Osterloh.
50. H. P. Hansen . . .	1881	Denver, Col.	
51. A. B. Shrader . . .	1881	Grand Island	D. C. Zink.
52. W. T. Grommisch .	1882	Chicago, Ill.	Fred. Zerbst.
53. F. M. Andreason* .	1883	Rapid City, Dak.	
54. Chr. Sick	1883	Fontanelle	Otto Lanhorst.
55. C. L. T. Fisher . . .	1884	Sidney.	
56. K. J. Starner . .	1884	Kearney.	
57. Chr. Thomsen . . .	1884	Laramie, Wyo.	
58. M. Kossick	1885	Ridgely	J. F. Wilhelmy.
59. George H. Schnur, Jr.	1885	Omaha, 1342 N. 18th.	
60. H. Schumann . . .	1885	Boheet.	
61. Luther M. Kuhns . .	1885	Omaha, 2510 Pop. Ave.	
62. Karl Krueger . . .	1886	Ponca.	
63. O. L. Luschei . . .	1886	Greenleaf, Kan.	
64. J. F. Mueller* . . .	1886	Wayne.	
65. R. A. White	1886	Waverly	Eli Snyder.
66. P. Ewald	1886	Orleans.	
67. A. Jatho*	1887	Sacramento, Cal.	
68. W. C. McCool* . .	1887	Wayne.	
69. Fred. Schwartz . . .	1887	Gothenberg.	
70. L. Schabinger . . .	1887	St. Joseph, Mo.	
71. Prof. J. H. Stough* .	. .	Atchison, Kan.	
72. Jacob Hediger* . .	1888	Pender.	
(Vacant)	. .	St. Marks, Lincoln . . .	L. F. M. Easterday.
(Vacant)	. .	First Ev. Luth., Tekamah.	G. A. Crannell.
. . . . .	. .	Leadville, Col.	H. P. Jeansen.
(Vacant)	. .	Morrill, Kan.	E. W. Freiburghaus.

* Absent.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society requested the Synod to join with them in their Foreign Mission service this evening. Granted.

The President read his annual report in the English language. The report was received and referred to a committee.

President's Report.

Dear Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, greeting:

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God and in the mountain of His holiness!"

It well becomes us, beloved, to begin the work of this convention with an

ascription of praise upon our lips, as with thankful hearts we recount God's goodness in the extension of His kingdom through our feeble instrumentalities. An eventful year of our existence has passed. No pastor has been called from his labors on earth; general health and prosperity has been enjoyed throughout the Synod; energy and vigor have been noted all along the line. For all these blessings we owe devout gratitude to a loving and merciful heavenly Father.

A large work opens to us in our field; and, while reviewing the labors of the past year, it becomes us to plan wisely for the future.

The Lord guide and direct us that we may be led to do His holy will.

I. DISMISSALS.

1. November 30, 1887, Rev. H. C. Fultz, to the Synod of Maryland.
2. June 23, 1888, Rev. J. Frank, to the Synod of N. Y. and N. J.
3. August 6, 1888, Rev. G. F. Stuecklin, to the Joint Synod of Ohio.
4. September 3, 1888, Rev. C. A. Roos, to the Synod of Northern Illinois.

II. APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.

1. October 24, 1887, Rev. S. E. Smith, by letter from the Synod of Iowa.
2. November 30, 1887, Rev. G. W. Fraser, by letter from the Synod of East Penna.
3. March 16, 1888, Rev. P. Ewald, a licentiate, by letter from the Synod of Kansas.
4. June 8, 1888, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, by letter from the Wittenberg Synod.
5. August 31, 1888, Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D., by letter from the Synod of Maryland.
6. September 1, 1888, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, by letter from the Pittsburg Synod (G. S.).
7. September 1, 1888, Rev. Prof. J. Howard Stough, of Midland College, by letter from the Synod of Northern Illinois.
8. September 1, 1888, Rev. L. Schabinger, a licentiate, by letter from the Synod of New York and New Jersey.
9. May 10, 1888, Mr. Jacob Hediger, by *Ad Interim* License, at Pender, Dakota county, Nebraska.

III. PASTORAL CHANGES.

1. October 16, 1887, Rev. J. Gutleben resigned at Fontanelle.
2. October 16, 1887, Rev. Chr. Sick accepted a call to Fontanelle.
3. October 30, 1887, Rev. Chr. Thomsen resigned at Home, Kansas, and took charge at Laramie, Wyoming.
4. November 1, 1887, Rev. J. Gutleben took charge at Home, Kansas.
5. January 1, 1888, Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel resigned at Grand Island and entered upon a general missionary work in Albuquerque and other cities in New Mexico.
6. January 1, 1888, Rev. Fred. Gafert took charge of the German Church in Grand Island.

7. January 2, 1888, Rev. George W. Fraser took charge at Bloomington.

8. January 11, 1888, Rev. R. A. White took charge at Waverly.

9. January 31, 1888, Rev. L. L. Lipe resigned at Lincoln.

10. April 7, 1888, Rev. P. Ewald took charge at Orleans.

11. May 1, 1888. Rev. G. F. Stuecklin resigned at Arago.

12. June 1, 1888, Rev. G. H. Schnur resigned at Benedict, and took charge at Yutan.

13. June 1, 1888, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman took charge at Benedict.

14. July 1, 1888, Rev. J. C. Jacoby resigned at West Point, and took charge at Nebraska City.

15. July 1, 1888, Rev. L. L. Lipe took charge at West Point.

16. July 15, 1888, Rev. C. A. Fritze took charge at Hastings.

17. September 1, 1888, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns took charge of the new work near Hanscom Park, in Omaha, under appointment of the Board of Home Missions.

18. September 1, 1888, Rev. M. J. Tjaden resigned at Lenox, Dakota, to take charge at Diller, September 15, 1888.

19. September 1, 1888, Rev. W. T. Grommisch resigned at St. Joseph, Missouri, to accept a call to St. Mark's German Church at Chicago, and as an assistant in the German Seminary.

20. September 1, 1888, Rev. L. Schabinger took charge at St. Joseph, Missouri.

21. Rev. H. P. Hansen resigned at Denver, Colorado, to take effect October 1, 1888.

22. Rev. S. E. Smith resigned at Ponca, to take effect October 1, 1888.

23. Rev. B. F. Pugh resigned at Rising, to take effect October 1, 1888.

24. Rev. C. J. Beckman resigned at Cheyenne, Wyoming, August 1, 1888.

25. Rev. G. H. Albright resigned at Beatrice, to take effect October 1, 1888.

IV. INSTALLATIONS.

1. November 17, 1887, Rev. S. E. Smith, during the session of the North Platte Conference, by Revs. Jacoby and Shrader, at Ponca, Neb.

2. December 18, 1887, Rev. J. Gutleben, at Home, Kansas, by Rev. J. G. Grönmiller.

3. December 18, 1887, Rev. Chr. Sick, at Fontanelle, by Rev. C. Huber.

4. May 13, 1888, Rev. Fred Gafert, at Grand Island (German Church), by Rev. Chr. Moessner.

5. July 1, 1888, Rev. J. C. Jacoby, at Nebraska City, by Revs. C. Huber and G. H. Schnur, Sr.

6. September 16, 1888, Rev. L. Shabinger, by Revs. W. T. Grommisch and R. Neumaerker, at St. Joseph, Mo.

V. CONGREGATIONS ORGANIZED.

1. October 9, 1887, the St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, near Pender, Dakota county, with 35 members, by Rev. H. W. Fricke.

2. November 10, 1887, the Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Surprise, with 11 members, by Rev. B. F. Pugh.

3. December 18, 1887, the Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Loup City, with twelve families, by Rev. Fred. Gafert.

4. March 11, 1888, the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Stanford, with twenty-three members, by Rev. P. Ewald.

5. March 16, 1888, First Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Kokomo, Colorado, with eighteen members, by Rev. M. J. Waage.

6. March 18, 1888, First Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Leadville, Colorado, with twenty members, by Rev. M. J. Waage.

7. March 25, 1888, Trinity Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Aspen, Colorado, with twenty-seven members, by Rev. M. J. Waage.

8. April 7, 1888, the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Orleans, with nine members, by Rev. P. Ewald, pastor.

9. April 8, 1888, the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Santa Fé, New Mexico, with seven members, by Rev. Wm. Rosentengel, Missionary Pastor.

10. April 12, 1888, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, at Red Cliff, Colorado, by Revs. J. N. Lenker and M. J. Waage.

11. May 26, 1888, the St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Norcatur, with twenty-six members, by Rev. J. W. Kimmel, missionary pastor.

12. May 31, 1888, the Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Belen, New Mexico, with twelve members, by Rev. Wm. Rosentengel, missionary.

13. July 2, 1888, the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church (Scandinavian) at Box, Butte county, Neb., with twenty-four members, by Rev. H. P. Hansen.

VI. CORNER STONES LAID.

1. November 29, 1887, of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Surprise, by the pastor, Rev. B. F. Pugh, assisted by Rev. A. B. Shrader.

2. April 19, 1888, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of our Saviour, (Scandinavian) at Norway, Kansas, by Rev. H. C. Roernaes, pastor, assisted by Rev. J. E. Maurer.

3. June 10, 1888, of Salem's Evangelical Lutheran Church (German), at Fontanelle, by the pastor, Rev. Chr. Sick.

4. August 5, 1888, of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church at Greenleaf, Kansas, by Rev. O. L. Luschei, pastor.

5. August 19, 1888, of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran (Scandinavian) at Aspen, Colorado, by Rev. J. N. Lenker and M. J. Waage.

6. August 26, 1888, of the First Evangelical Lutheran church at Leadville, Colorado, by Rev. J. N. Lenker and Rev. M. J. Waage.

7. September 8, 1888, of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church at Bloomington, by Rev. G. W. Fraser, pastor, assisted by Rev. B. F. Pugh.

8. September 8, 1888, of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran church at Norcatur, Kansas, Rev. J. W. Kimmel, pastor, assisted by Rev. B. F. Pugh.

VII. CHURCHES DEDICATED.

1. October 13, 1887, the Salem's Evangelical Lutheran church, five miles east of Hooper, by Revs. Gutleben and Sick.

2. December 18, 1887, the Emanuel's Evangelical Lutheran church at Oketo, Kansas, Rev. J. Gutleben, pastor, Rev. J. G. Grönmiller officiating.

3. December 18, 1887, the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church at Denver, Colorado, Rev. H. P. Hansen, pastor, Revs. Barnitz, Opsal and Roernaes officiating.

4. February 25, 1888, the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church at Oberlin, Kansas, Rev. J. W. Kimmel, pastor, Rev. S. B. Barnitz officiating.

5. March 4, 1888, the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church at Sidney, Rev. C. L. T. Fisher, pastor, Rev. S. B. Barnitz officiating.

6. April 15, 1888, the Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church at Benedict, Rev. G. H. Schnur, pastor, Rev. L. L. Lipe officiating.

7. July 1, 1888, the Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church at Surprise, Rev. B. F. Pugh, pastor, Rev. S. B. Barnitz officiating.

8. September 6, 1888, the Danish Evangelical Lutheran church at Gordon, Revs. J. N. Lenker and H. O. Opsal officiating.

VIII. VACANCIES.

The congregations in Nebraska City, Tekamah, Oakland, Morrill and Falls City, Yutan, and a German congregation in Fillmore county, were all under the direction of the Synodical Traveling Secretary, who, with the assistance of a number of brethren, supplied them regularly. The only vacancies just now are Tekamah, Oakland, Morrill and Falls City, Central City, and the German congregation in Fillmore county.

The Synod would have suffered great losses in these places if a supply had depended on the President.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. The following orders were drawn on the Treasury by the Secretary, and authorized by myself.

(*a*) October 10, 1887, in favor of Rev. C. Huber, ex-President, for stationery and postage, $11.00.

(*b*) October 10, 1887, in favor of Rev. J. C. Jacoby, for traveling expenses to Rapid City, Dakota, to lay the corner-stone of the Scandinavian Lutheran church at that place, instead of the President, $8.00.

(*c*) October 11, 1887, in favor of L. F. M. Easterday, for traveling expenses in the interests of Synod, $21.90.

2. In accordance with the suggestion of the Chairman of the Committee on Wayne Academy, I appointed Geo. H. Fair, Esq., of Dakota City, a member of that Committee in place of Prof. Easterday, resigned.

3. At the request of Rev. C. Baird and the Salem congregation, I appointed Revs. Huber and Smith with Bro. S. B. Stough, a Committee to investigate and settle certain difficulties existing in the charge. They met at the Salem Church, Dakota county, July 12, 1888. The unanimous agreement of all

parties interested was that the field was too large for one pastorate, and that, in case of division, Salem and Homer should form one pastorate, and South Sioux City with Dakota City, the other.

X. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That, in accordance with the earnest request of the Board of Stockholders of Carthage College, the Synod of Nebraska either continue its relation to said College by instructing our Stockholders to represent the Synod in the above-mentioned Board, and by nominating members for the Board of Trustees, or sever all connection with the College by transferring our stock to the proper authorities.

2. That the work of the Synodical Traveling Secretary be continued; that the Synod sustain it with more vigor; that, to secure greater efficiency, the Committee on Traveling Secretary be reduced in number to seven.

3. That this Synod take into earnest consideration the advisability of a division into two bodies. The more urgent reasons for this recommendation being:

(*a*) The number of clerical members, together with the lay delegates, form so large a body that very few of our congregations are willing or able to entertain it in annual convention.

(*b*) A number of the members have very long and expensive journeys to Synod, which is a burden, financially and otherwise.

We would suggest that the boundary be that line running north and south through the state, known as the "First Guide Meridtan West," which coincides with the east line of Webster, Adams, Hall, Howard, Greeley, Wheeler and Holt counties respectively; that all pastors and congregations east of said line form one Synod, and all pastors and congregations west of said line form another Synod, irrespective of language or nationality.

IN CONCLUSION.

I have endeavored to be faithful in the high trust committed to me a year ago; and, with grateful acknowledgments for the co-operation of all, I now return the same, praying that Heaven's gracious blessings may be poured out upon this convention, and that His Holy Spirit shall guide you in all your deliberations, and lead whomsoever you shall place in the chair of this honorable body to rule wisely and well.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. SCHNUR, Sr.,

President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Rev. Karl Krueger was excused from further attendance on sessions of Synod.

Time of Opening and Closing Sessions.

Devotions, 8:30 a. m.

Business, 9 to 11:45 a. m.: 1:30 to 5 p. m.

Evening Services, 7:30 p. m.

The Statistical Secretary submitted the following report, which was placed in the hands of a Committee:

Report of Statistical Secretary.

To the President and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

Fathers and Brethren: Your Statistical Secretary begs leave to offer the following report:

1. That he has prepared the clerical and alphabetical rolls of Synod.

2. That he sent out the usual parochial blanks, together with a supplementary and an historical blank to be filled out and returned at this meeting of Synod; these blanks to include the report of all special Synodical benevolent contributions and all such facts of congregational history as may be gathered. The supplementary parochial blank is to be printed in the minutes. It is also our plan to prepare a comparative table of statistics for the minutes.

Your Statistical Secretary asks your honorable body what shall be done with the historical table of congregational statistics? Shall it be printed in the minutes? Shall a book be purchased in which to copy the same and keep a history of the Synod?

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. SCHNUR, Jr.,
Statistical Secretary of the Synod of Nebraska.

The Treasurer, Prof. L. F. M. Easterday, presented the following report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee:

Treasurer's Report.

To the President and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

As your Treasurer, I report as follows for the interval between September 23, 1887, and September 14, 1888:

I. HOME MISSIONS—REGULAR.

On hand September 23, 1887	$62 81	
Received from pastors	504 73	
		$567 54
Sent to L. T. Appold, Treasurer		540 33
Balance on hand		$27 21

II. HOME MISSIONS—"CRY."

Received from pastors	$120 86
Sent to L. T. Appold, Treasurer	120 86

III. HOME MISSIONS—CHILDREN'S.

On hand September 23, 1887	$6 32	
Received from pastors	200 79	
		$207 11
Sent to L. T. Appold, Treasurer		207 11

IV. HOME MISSIONS—N. MEXICO APPEAL.

Received from pastors		$167 50
Sent to Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, Albuquerque		166 50
Balance on hand		$1 00

V. FOREIGN MISSIONS—REGULAR.

On hand September 23, 1887	$66 48	
Received from pastors	489 63	
		$556 11
Sent to O. F. Lantz, Treasurer		521 31
Balance on hand		$34 80

VI. FOREIGN MISSIONS—CHILDREN'S.

On hand Sept. 23, 1887	$5 00	
Received from pastors	69 43	
		$74 43
Sent to S. W. Harman, Treasurer		74 43

VII. CHURCH EXTENSION—REGULAR.

On hand Sept. 23, 1887	$35 61	
Received from pastors	226 04	
		$261 65
Sent to C. A. Weiser, Treasurer		217 15
Balance on hand		$44 50

VIII. CHURCH EXTENSION—12 CHURCH PLAN.

On hand Sept. 23, 1887	$5 00	
Received from pastors	22 00	
		$27 00
Sent to C. A. Weiser, Treasurer		27 00

IX. GENERAL SYNOD.

On hand Sept. 23, 1887	$10 56	
Received from pastors	38 14	
		$48 70
Sent to Alex. Gebhart, Treasurer		42 60
Balance on hand		$6 10

X. SYNODICAL TREASURY.

Received from pastors		$243 24
Paid out on order of President	$69 25	
Paid out on English Minutes	51 68	
Paid out on German Minutes	39 00	
Paid out for Blank Receipts	3 25	
Paid out for Treasurer's Book	40	
Paid out for Stamped Envelopes	5 60	
Overdrawn Sept. 23, 1887	36 17	205 35
Balance on hand		$37 89

XI. BENEFICIARY EDUCATION—ENGLISH.

On hand September 23, 1887	$111 34	
Received from pastors	132 02	
		$243 36
Sent to W. H. Naffzeiger		100 00
Balance on hand		$143 36

XII. BENEFICIARY EDUCATION—GERMAN.

On hand September 23, 1887	$20 70	
Received from pastors	147 78	
		$168 48
Sent to J. D. Severinghaus		168 48

XIII. GENERAL SYNOD BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Received from pastors	$122 82
Sent to J. E. Herbst, Treasurer.	114 58
Balance on hand.	$8 24

XIV. WAYNE ACADEMY.

Received from pastors	$82 91
Sent to H. G. Leisenring, Treasurer	76 41
Balance on hand	$6 50

XV. NEBRASKA SYNOD—TRAVELING SECRETARY.

Received from pastors	$15 59
Sent to J. F. Wilhelmy, Treasurer	15 59

XVI. PASTORS' FUND.

On hand September 23, 1887	$1 00	
Received from pastors	12 00	
		$13 00
Sent to L. E. Albert, Treasurer.		12 00
Balance on hand		$1 00

XVII. ORPHANS' HOME—ENGLISH.

Received from pastors	$22 25
Sent to P. Willard, Supt.	22 25

XVIII. ORPHANS' HOME—GERMAN.

On hand, September 23, 1887	$0 50	
Received from pastors	4 00	
		$4 50
Sent to A. Oberlander, Supt.		4 50

XIX. CHICAGO SEMINARY BUILDING FUND.

Received from pastors	$72 70
Sent to J. D. Severinghaus, Agent	72 70

XX. INDIA COLLEGE.

Received from pastors	$5 00
Sent to O. F. Lantz, Treasurer	5 00

XXI. INDIA HOSPITAL.

Received from pastors	$10 00
Sent to Mrs. Hamma, Treasurer	10 00

XXII. KEARNEY MISSION.

On hand September 23, 1887	$19 26
Balance on hand	$19 26

XXIII. NICHOLS' MEMORIAL.

Received from pastors	$10 00
Sent to Geo. Scholl, Treasurer	10 00

XXIV. DENVER CHURCH—HANSEN'S.

Received from pastors	$18 00
Sent to C. S. Weiser, Treasurer	18 00

XXX. BENEDICT CHURCH.

Received from pastors	$5 00
Sent to G. H. Schnur, pastor	5 00

TOTALS.

On hand September 23, 1887	$308 41	
Received during year	2742 43	3050 84
Paid out during year	$2720 98	
Above balances combined, and now in Treasury	329 86	$3050 84

The above balances are	$27 21
	1 00
	34 80
	44 50
	6 10
	37 89
	143 36
	8 24
	6 50
	1 00
	19 26
Now in Treasury	$329 86

I herewith present the usual and important tabulated exhibit.

This indicates from whom was received the funds amounting to the above $2742.43. It also shows to what objects the funds were assigned. In this I was directed in letters accompanying the remittances. The distribution of the

funds also agrees with the receipts invariably returned to the respective parties sending the money, and the stubs of the receipts retained, and with the corresponding record made in the Treasurer's book.

To account for the $2720.98 paid out, I refer to the accompanying 94 vouchers. For the convenience of the Auditing Committee, I have numbered the vouchers, and also indicated on each the page of the Treasurer's book on which the corresponding entry may be found.

Desiring not to be short any vouchers at this time, I did not venture to make remittances later than the 10th instant. However, I kept the accounts open for the reception of funds until the afternoon of Saturday, the 14th instant. The amount now on hand, therefore, as indicated above, and for which I hereby present my check, is $329.86.

Now, my dear brethren, I have held the honorable, responsible and burdensome office of Treasurer of the Nebraska Synod for three years. The office has given to me a pleasant acquaintance with the individual pastors and congregations of the Synod, which I otherwise would not have secured. The official correspondence has often extended into the unofficial, and all has been edifying and profitable to me. I beg you now, if indeed it should seem necessary to beg it, that you relieve me of this office. To this end I herewith present to you not only my check to balance accounts financially, but also stubs of receipts, books, blanks, vouchers and official letters, in separate and appropriate packages systematically labeled.

Thanking you for the official courtesy which has ever been extended to me, I submit my final report, most respectfully,

L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
Treas. Ev. Luth. Syn. of Neb.

Lincoln, Neb., September 18, 1888.

Treasurer's Exhibit for Synod

	Name of Place.	Name of Pastor.	Home Missions.						Foreign Mission.			
			Regular.	On "Cry"	Children	N. Mexico Appeal			Regular	Children	Nichol's Memorial	Foochow Hospital
1	Omaha, Neb.	Rev. J. S. Detweiler	$45 00		$36 00				$30 00			
2	Hanover, Kan	" J. G. Grönmiller	45 30			$20 00			37 50	$20 00		
3	Benedict, Neb.	" G. H. Schnur	76 81	$20 00	4 54	5 00			7 40	9 60		
4	Yutan, Neb.	" G. H. Schnur	5 00						10 00			
5	Yutan, Neb.	" L. Knight										
6	Auburn, Neb.	" J. G. Griffith	5 75	15 00	7 55				17 90	9 63	$20 00	$5 00
7	Seitla, Neb.	" J. G. Griffith	3 16	10 00	7 83				15 00	7 50		
8	Hastings, Neb.	" H. Siekman	2 57						3 12			
9	Sterling, Neb.	" J. Wolff							5 00			
10	Barada, Neb.	" R. Neumaerker	8 00						10 00			
11	McCook, Neb.	" J. W. Kimmel			6 25				2 15			
12	Columbus, Neb.	" Ch. Moessner	35 00			10 00			10 00			
13	Rising City, Neb.	" B. F. Pugh	2 00		10 20				7 00			
14	David City, Neb.	" B. F. Pugh	50						50			
15	Surprise, Neb.	" B. F. Pugh	50						50			
16	Omaha, Neb.	" G. H. Schnur	15 00	35 00	15 00				34 00			
17	Omaha, Neb.	" C. Huber		10 00		10 00						
18	Morrill, Kan.	" C. Huber	1 50			1 00			1 50			
19	Oakland, Neb.	" C. Huber	3 00						3 00			
20	Grace, Neb.	" C. Huber	2 00		6 50				2 00	5 50		
21	Weeping Water, Neb	" Fr. Spriegel	14 00			2 00			13 00			
22	Grand Island, Neb.	" A. B Shrader	7 70		21 68	5 00			15 00			
23	Grand Island, Neb.	" W. Rosenstengel			2 00							
24	Grand Island, Neb.	" Fr. Gafert	4 00			30 50			6 82			
25	North Platte, Neb.	" Adam Stump	46 70		5 05				7 93			
26	Roca, Neb.	" J. F. Kuhlman	3 00		13 00				20 50			
27	St. Joseph, Mo.	" W. T. Grommisch	6 81						3 70			
28	Hooper, Neb.	" H. W. Fricke	5 00						53 00			
29	Fontanelle, Neb.	" Ch. Sick	19 36		7 22	20 00			9 86			
30	Clark Creek, Neb.	" Ch. Sick	12 25	6 00					7 00			
31	Kearney, Neb.	" K. J. Starner	6 65									
32	Home, Kan.	" Ch. Thomsen	13 09						15 43			
33	Laramie, Wyo.	" Ch. Thomsen				7 00			8 00			
34	Laramie, Wyo.	" H. O. Opsal			10 26							
35	West Point, Neb.	" J. C. Jacoby	15 62	21 00	6 31				14 20	8 00		5 00
36	Nebraska City, Neb.	" J. C. Jacoby	4 50						4 50			
37	Sidney, Neb.	" C. L. T. Fisher	2 00		5 00				2 00			
38	Ponca, Neb.	" S. E. Smith		5 00	18 80	11 00			9 68	5 32		
39	Ponca, Neb.	" Ch. Krueger	22 00	5 00		10 00			14 00			
40	Salem, Dakota City.	" C. Baird	10 75		5 00				4 00			
41	Dakota City, Neb.	" W. C. McCool	5 00									
42	Waverly, Neb.	" R. A. White	5 50		5 50				4 65	5 35		
43	Homer, Neb.	" W. C. McCool	30 00						5 00			
44	Ohiowa, Neb.	" J. Bond	6 00						6 31			
45	Carroco, N.b	" Wm. Thoele	4 00						2 00			
46	Rockport, Mo.	" B. Sickel	18 40		5 10				8 23	2 31		
47	Bobest, Neb.	" H. Schumann	6 00									
48	Falls City, Neb.	" G. F. Stubktin	1 00						1 00			
49	Emerald, Neb.	" H. Kleckemeyer	2 50						2 50			
50	Denver, Col.	" H. P. Hansen	4 50									
51	Lincoln, Neb.				11 30				10 20			
52	Febing, Neb.	" J. H. Dirks										
53	Norway, Kan.	" H. C. Roernaes	13 92									
54	Ruigsley, Neb.	" M. Kossick	5 00						2 00			
55	Tekamah, Neb.	Mr. G. A. Crannell	6 00		2 00				4 00	6 00		
56	Turkey Creek, Neb.		3 00						3 00			
57	Gothenburg, Neb.	Rev. Fr. Schwartz			1 50							
58	Oberlin, Kan.	" J. W. Kimmel		3 86								
59	Annelly, Kan.	Mr. T. B. Haustine				1 00						
60	Effingham, Kan.	" Heigerd				5 00						
61	Girand Island, Neb.	Rev. J. N. Lenker				25 00						
62	Potter, Neb.	" C. Anderson										
63	German Conference.					15 00						
64	Synodical collections at Beatrice		11 39						10 23			
	Totals		504 73	120 86	200 79	167 50			489 63	369 43	$20 00	$20 00

...ar Ending September 14, 1888.

Church Extension.				General Synod	Nebraska Synod	Education.				Nebraska Synod Traveling Secretary	Pastors' Fund	German Orphans' Home	English Orphans' Home	Chicago Seminary Building Fund	Totals.
	12 Church Plan	Denver Church	Benedict Church			English Beneficiary	German Beneficiary	Gen. Synod Board	Wayne Academy						
		$10 00		$3 12	$8 88	$25 00		$51 83							$274 83
	$5 00			2 30	11 50		$47 55	4 60							168 75
					5 00	8 00		2 00	38 00						81 35
				1 00	5 00				4 40				$3 00		33 78
					1 00										1 00
			5 00		11 01	23 75		4 00		$15 00			5 00		156 52
					3 70										47 19
				60	2 00	2 00		1 20							13 49
					2 15		10 00							36 00	23 15
				1 20	6 60										38 35
	7 00	8 00			8 70	5 00		6 00					2 00		39 10
				2 00	10 00										67 00
					5 10	4 50		5 00	5 75						45 05
						50									1 50
						1 15									2 15
				1 00	10 80	7 00		2 00	6 00						135 00
	10 00													25 00	55 00
				70	3 80	1 00		1 00	2 00		$1 00				15 00
					4 02	1 00		2 00	2 00				1 00		19 02
				1 00	7 00	3 00		1 61	4 61		1 00	2 00	2 00		43 24
				1 00	6 50		10 00					2 00			48 50
				1 70	7 00	5 25		1 40	6 25						68 08
							8 64								10 64
				1 90	5 00			2 00						1 00	52 82
				1 48	10 85	1 97		1 00			5 00		1 50		58 40
					6 00			4 00	5 00				4 75		56 25
				79	3 70		16 70							18 00	49 70
				3 00	6 00						2 00				69 00
				1 66	8 30		22 00							31 70	110 00
					5 25										36 50
					1 50										8 15
															28 52
															15 00
															19 46
				1 42	10 10	10 65		2 84	8 00						118 76
				1 00	7 00	2 00		2 00							25 50
				1 00	1 00	2 00			4 40						29 20
				1 00	7 00	5 70		10 75	6 00						96 61
				2 00	10 00		4 00								67 00
				75	4 25	8 00		5 75	7 50				2 00		48 00
															9 00
				1 00	5 00	7 80		2 00	6 20						54 00
					2 25										37 25
				1 50	9 21		4 39	7 85	2 00		1 00	1 00			39 21
				1 00	1 00		2 00			59	1 00				13 59
								1 00							36 04
							1 00								7 00
					1 50										3 50
					4 00									1 00	10 00
															4 50
				1 02	5 10			2 04							40 88
							17 00								17 00
															13 92
															7 00
				1 00	2 75	6 75		3 00					1 00		41 50
				1 00	4 00		1 50	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00			19 50
							3 00								4 50
															3 86
															1 00
															5 00
															25 00
					2 00										2 00
															13 00
					7 52										19 42
		$10 00	$5 00	$38 14	$243 24	$132 02	$147 78	$122 89	$82 91	$15 59	$12 00	$4 00	$22 25	$72 70	$2742 43
															308 41
															$3050 84

On hand September 23, 1887

Total amount in treasury in year ending September 14, 1888

Auditing Committee.

Your Committee would report:

1. They have examined the books and papers of the Treasurer, and find them correct in every respect; and all books and papers neatly and systematically kept.

2. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution;

Resolved, That Synod return thanks to Prof. Easterday for the faithful discharge of his duties as Treasurer, and for the excellent condition of all papers and books appertaining to this office.

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
W. T. GROMMISCH,
M. B. CROLL, M. D.

Adopted.

FIRST DAY—SECOND SESSION.

1:30 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

Election of Officers

Resulted as follows:

President—Rev. G. H. Schnur, Sr.

Secretary—Rev. A. B. Shrader.

German Secretary—Rev. C. Thomsen.

Scandinavian Secretary—Rev. H. O. Opsal.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. G. H. Schnur, Jr.

Treasurer—Mr. J. F. Wilhelmy.

Rev. Luther M. Kuhns was appointed to furnish report of proceedings to Omaha papers.

The Secretaries were ordered to report proceedings to church papers.

The following bills were allowed: President Schnur, $9.00; Secretary Shrader, $5.00.

By vote it was decided that lay delegates from vacant congregations have the right of a seat and speech, but no vote.

Rev. Prof. Anderson, President of the Danish Seminary at Blair, Nebraska, was introduced and received as an advisory member of Synod.

Rev. Dr. Severinghaus, delegate from Wartburg Synod, was received.

Rev. W. P. Pease, of the Congregational church, of Rising, was introduced.

Minutes of last year were referred to the committee.

The following Committees were announced by the President:

Committees.

No. 1. *President's Report*—Revs. Fisher, Moessner, and Mr. J. F. Wilhelmy.

No. 2. *Treasurer's Report*—Revs. L. M. Kuhns, Grommisch, and M. B. Croll, M. D.

No. 3. *Minutes of Last Year*—Revs. Dr. Kuhns, Sick, and Mr. Zerbst.

No. 4. *State of Religion*—Revs. Shultz, Sick, and Mr. Zink.

No. 5. *Leave of Absence*—Revs. Lipe, Dirks, and Hansen.

No. 6. *Letters and Papers*—Revs. Stump, Neumaerker, and Roernaes.

No. 7. *English Conferences*—Revs. Rosenstengel, Sickman, and Fricke.

No. 8. *German Conferences*—Revs. Huber, Shrader, Schreckengast.

No. 9. *Resolutions*—Revs. Lenker, Thomsen, and Mr. Snyder.

No. 10. *Apportionment*—Revs. Ewald, White, and Mr. Krause.

No. 11. *Synodical Calendar*—Revs. Jacoby, Shultz, Prof. Easterday.

No. 12. *Standing Committees*—Revs. Albright, Opsal, Grönmiller.

No. 13. *Statistical Secretary's Report*—Revs. Griffith, Sickel, and Schumann.

No. 14. *Certain Communications*—Revs. Huber, Lenker, and Lipe.

No. 15. *Conference with Danish Association*—Revs. Huber, Lenker, and Roernaes.

No. 16. *Vacancies*—Revs. Smith, Thoele, and Prof. Easterday.

No. 17. *Reception of New Congregations*—Revs. Zimmerman, Kuhlman, and Opsal.

SECOND DAY—FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20TH, 9 A. M.

Opened with prayer.

Roll called.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion, the Scandinavian Secretary was requested to prepare a synopsis of proceedings of Synod for Scandinavian papers.

Report of Advisory Home Mission Committee.

Dear Brethren: A short reference to each Mission now in the Synod may suffice.

1. *Auburn and Stella.*—This field is in a prosperous condition. Bro. Griffith feels that it should be divided into two pastorates, taking in a new point or two, but the old well-known difficulty, "the want of men and means," is in the way.

2. *Beatrice.*—This Mission is laboring under a burdensome debt, which is a great hindrance to the work. But we believe the congregation and place are competent and able, and will, in a short time, overcome this difficulty. No complaints have been brought to our notice by Bro. Albright or his people.

3. *Benedict, York County.*—The material advances in this field have been quite large during the year. A nice church was built and well furnished in the new town of Benedict, and provision made for all its expenses. A parsonage has also been built in Benedict, and now the field is much easier served than formerly. A disagreeable debt has been removed. A change of pastors, without a vacancy, has also taken place. Brother Kunkelman has become the acceptable pastor of this Mission.

4. *Bohest.*—We have no report from this field, but we know Bro Schumann to be an earnest, laborious and faithful worker, and shall expect to hear of a "strengthening of the things that are" at this meeting of Synod.

5. *Cheyenne, Wyoming.*—Bro. Beckman has had some difficulties and some correspondence about a change, but to our knowledge nothing definite has resulted. Special time should be had at this Convention to deliberate and conclude wisely as to our work among the Scandinavians.

6. *Denver, Colorado.*—This Mission has done a good work the past year. A suitable house of worship has been consecrated, and the indebtedness brought within a compass that will not seriously hinder the progress of the congregation. Notwithstanding, Bro. Hansen has felt constrained to resign, to take effect October 1, 1888. The *peculiarities* in many places bring about frequent changes till some of the worst difficulties are overcome, for which one man is better adapted than another, without censure on either. We dare not neglect places like Denver where we have or can gain such a beginning.

7. *Hays County.*—Brother Thoele is one of those men who have but few

wants or complaints, judging from that which we learn from him. He has very gratefully received and reported "box" donations for himself and family the past season, and appears to be of good courage.

8. *Kearney.*—Brother Starner has his troubles and has spoken of a change of field of labor. The difficulties in this mission demand our earnest deliberations and conclusions. Brother Huber should be heard before Synod in reference to this mission.

9. *Lincoln.*—This important mission has been vacant since January, 1888, but as it is under the direction of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension, we do not feel called upon to devise ways or means for its supply, or the removal of its difficulties.

10. *North Platte.*—The pen of our earnest Brother Stump, of this place, is not unknown to the readers of the *Observer*. Our advice has not been sought during the year, and we suppose Brother Stump "lives among his people," and his church-work is progressing as well as can be expected.

11. *Omaha, St. Mark's.*—Here there are signs of steady and permanent advancement. The indebtedness on their chapel lot demands their special effort, which retards progress toward self-support. Notwithstanding, their donations for Benevolence are comparatively second to none, if not the first in the Synod during the year just past. The Church and her Boards should never weary in the support of missions like St. Mark's.

12. *Omaha, Shull's Addition.*—Rev. Luther M. Kuhns through the Board of Home Missions has just entered this locality. Synod should hear something from him about the prospects of the field.

13. *Orleans.*—Rev. P. Ewald is located in this place, which has received the attention of Synod for a number of years. We are glad that Bro. E. uses the German and English languages as necessity may require. He should be heard before Synod.

14. *Pueblo, Col.*—Bro. Roos had charge here, but is now in charge at Rockford, Illinois. So far as we know now, none of our pastors are supplying this field.

15. *Republican Valley District Mission.*—The missionary Bro. Kimmel, keeps the Church informed about the progress of his work. During the year Rev. G. W. Fraser, located in the field which Bro. K. developed at Bloomington and Franklin. Another man is now needed for Oberlin and Norcatur. Last February a good church was dedicated at Oberlin, Kans. We trust many other important facts concerning the Republican Valley Mission will be brought before this convention.

16. *Rising, Butler Co.*—No pastor is more earnest and faithful than Bro. Pugh, and it is very evident that "his labors are not in vain." A church has been built and dedicated at *Surprise*, seven miles from Rising. He has also given all possible attention to David City. Bro. Pugh has resigned to take effect October 1, 1888, and we trust he will be able to enter another field

among us at once, and such an one for whose labors his physical powers will meet requirements.

17. *Sidney.*—Bro. Fisher, the missionary of this place, is progressing nicely. A valuable church was dedicated last March. Your Committee find no cause to lament any difficulties, nor have they any recommendations to offer.

18. *Waverly.*—This place appears to be doing well with Bro. White as pastor. They hope to be self sustaining by another year. Such statements please us and the Board very much.

19. *Wayne.*—The Academy located here, and now accepted by our Board of Education, is very favorable to our work in this place. The adaptability of Prof. McCool as principal of the Academy, and his pulpit abilities, recommend our church-work. Bro. Melick and his people are also doing what is in their power.

20. *West Point.*—This place experienced a change of pastors the first of July, and with Benedict has reason to be very grateful for no vacancy, which so often become distressingly injurious. Bro. Lipe came here from Lincoln; he reports the work moving along satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. SCHNUR, SR.,
A. B. SHRADER,
CH. THOMSEN,
H. O. OPSAL.

Adopted.

Wayne Academy.

Committee offered their report, which was received and ordered adopted item by item. Pending consideration of report, Synod adjourned with prayer.

SECOND DAY—SECOND SESSION.

1:30 P. M.

Opened with prayer. Minutes read and approved. Report of Committee on Wayne Academy was taken up. Recommitted.

The following report of the Fifth Annual Convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Immigrant Missionary Society, was presented and ordered printed in the Minutes.

Report of the Immigrant Society.

This Society met at Rising, Nebraska, on September 17–18, 1888. The meeting was an interesting one. The present officers were re-elected.

Prof. Andersen, of Blair Seminary, was elected Danish Corresponding Secretary. The action of the officers in undertaking the support of Rev. Rosenstengel in New Mexico, was approved. Thanks were voted to Bro. A. Kountze for his gift of $50.00. Action looking toward the publication of an organ of the Society was taken. On Monday evening a most interesting and able paper was read by Dr. J. D. Severinghaus, his subject being "The Supply of a Suitable Ministry for our German and Scandinavian Immigrants." Addresses were also made by Revs. J. N. Lenker, A. B. Shrader and Adam Stump. The Society is to be incorporated during the next year.

ADAM STUMP, *Reporter.*

Committee on President's Report submitted their report, which was considered item by item.

Item 1. Deferred.

Item 2. Refering to the work of Traveling Secretary, adopted.

Item 3. Referring to division of Synod, stricken out.

Moved and carried that each member be allowed two speeches of five minutes each on item 3.

Resolved, That Synod now give fifteen minutes to hear from Prof. A. M. Andersen, President of the Danish Lutheran Trinity Seminary at Blair, Nebraska, on the work of the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church Association and their educational interests.

Bro. Andersen was heard with interest and profit, and the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That this Synod thank Brother Andersen for his address, and appoint a committee of three to confer with the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church Association for the purpose of bringing about a closer co-operation and union with the General Synod work, and report at the next meeting of this Synod.

Revs. Huber, Lenker, and Roernaes were appointed.

Adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

The subject of Foreign Missions was presented in the English language by Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, and in the German language by Rev. J. G. Grönmiller. Collection, $10.55.

THIRD DAY—FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21, 9 A. M.

Opened with prayer.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

The following resolution was presented and referred to a committee:

Resolved, That the traveling expenses to Synod be divided equally between the delegates.

Four o'clock p. m. was set for the consideration of the subject of Church Extension.

Committee on Standing Committees reported the following:

Your committee would respectfully submit the following:

1. *Board of Education and Examining Committee.*

We nominate the following:

Rev. L. L. Lipe, Rev. J. G. Grönmiller,
Rev. W. F. Eyster, Rev. K. Neumaerker,
Rev. H. O. Opsal.

2. *Committee on Traveling Secretary.*

We nominate the following:

Rev. J. S. Detweiler, P. S. Leisenring, M. D.,
Rev. G. H. Schnur, Sr., Prof. L. F. M. Easterday,
Hon. H. Sprick, Mr. J. F. Wilhelmy,
Mr. Robert Weidensall.

3. *Committee on Wayne Academy.*

Rev. J. C. Jacoby, Hon. George Fair,
Rev. M. P. Melick, Rev. L. L. Lipe,
Rev. C. Huber.

4. *Advisory Board of Home Missions.*

The President and Secretaries of Synod.

Respectfully,

G. H. ALBRIGHT,
H. O. OPSAL,
J. G. GRÖNMILLER.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary of Synod be authorized to prepare suitable blanks for credentials for the lay delegates, the same to be sent to each pastor in time to be properly filled for Synod.

Adopted.

Rev. Griffith, Prof. Easterday and Rev. Sick, were appointed Committee on Report from Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

They reported as follows:

The paper placed in the hands of your committee is the Report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod. Receipts to the amount of $422.26 are reported from auxiliary societies, which indicates commendable activity. We would recommend that as pastors we lend our sister workers a helping hand, by aiding in the work of forming Societies in all our congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. GRIFFITH,
L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
CH. SICK.

Adopted.

Committee on Calendar.

Mr. President: We your Committee on the Calendar for the ensuing year beg leave to offer the following:

English.	*German.*
HOME MISSIONS.	
Rev. L. L. Lipe.	Rev. C. Sick.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
Rev. M. L. Melick.	Rev. H. Siekman.
CHURCH EXTENSION.	
Rev. J. N. Lenker.	Rev. W. T. Grommisch.
PREPARATORY.	
Rev. B. F. Pugh.	Rev. Wm. Thoele.
TEMPERANCE.	
Rev. J. F. Kuhlman.	Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel.
COMMUNION.	
Rev. J. S. Detweiler.	Rev. J. G. Grönmiller.
ORDINATION.	
Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D.	Rev. C. Moessner.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. JACOBY,
D. H. SHULTZ,
L. F. M. EASTERDAY.

Communication.

To the Officers and Members of the Nebraska Synod—Dear Brethren:

Our convention, by resolution, requests that you allow the minutes of our convention to be bound with yours, we paying our share of the expenses.

MRS. J. G. GRIFFITH,
Pres. W. H. and F. M. S.

This request was granted.

Adjourned with prayer.

THIRD DAY—SECOND SESSION.

1:30 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

By a rising vote Rev. Dr. Harkey was received as an advisory member of Synod.

Bill of Rev. H. O. Opsal for traveling expenses, amounting to $5, was allowed.

Chicago Seminary.

Rev. Dr. Severinghaus was introduced and gave the Synod a very interesting account of the promising work being done in our German Theological Institution at Chicago.

Committee on Spiritual Condition of the Congregations.

Your Committee on the spiritual condition of the congregations beg leave to report that of the many pastorates only a very few of them have reported, but judging the whole by the few reports received, we are most favorably impressed with the spiritual condition and growth of the Church during the past year.

D. M. SHULTZ,
CH. SICK.

Adopted.

The time appointed for hearing Rev. S. B. Barnitz on the subject of Home Missions having arrived, Bro. B., was received as an advisory member of Synod, and spoke on the work and the need of the Board of Home Missions.

Some of the facts stated are:

Number of Missions Aided, etc.—Number of Missions aided 100, with 159 organized congregations and unorganized preaching stations, 9,064 communicant members, 127 Sunday-schools, and 13,081 teachers and scholars; missionaries employed during the whole or a part of the year, 105, who preached 13,236 sermons, made 31,345 pastoral visits, and performed innumerable other services of a ministerial character.

The Results Were, in Part: Catechumens instructed, 1612; communicant

members added to the mission churches, 2452; new congregations organized, 18; new churches built, 13; contributed by the missions themselves, on pastors' salaries, $28,636.87; for church property and other local objects, $86,452.94; for benevolence, $4,855.79; total contributions, $119,945.51; missions assumed self-support, 5; dropped, 2. Several others have become self-sustaining since April 1st, and still others promise to do so in the near future. By the blessing of God on the work of our faithful missionaries, this has been the *most fruitful and encouraging year* in the history of the work.

The Cost of Maintaining this Work for the year, was $34,006.60. This includes all the expenditures of the Board for salaries of missionaries and secretaries, and also for all contingent expenses. When the work done and the results secured are considered, this was surely a small expenditure. We doubt if any other denomination can show as large returns in proportion to the cost of the work.

The Receipts of the Board, for the same time, were $31,729.55, or, including the balance of $5,380.68 carried over from the preceding year, $37,110.23. Of the receipts, $5,019.45 came from the Woman's Missionary Society for the support of their five special missions, $1,500 was a donation from the Lutheran Publication Society, and $1,784.32 came from legacies and individuals. This leaves only $23,425.78 as the actual receipts directly from the churches on the apportionment, or *$6,574.22 less* than the $30,000 called for by the General Synod.

It was this deficiency that rendered necessary the "*Cry for Help*" issued by the Board last Spring, calling for $10,000 as a special offering.

At the Present Time the Board have 97 missions on their roll. Of these, 14 have been taken up since the last Synod. To sustain this work, and occupy some of the most promising of the many new fields urgently demanding attention and aid, the Board should have *at least $40,000* for the current year. There should be no difficulty in raising this amount. The General Synod this year calls for $35,000 for Home Missions, on the apportionment. (See Minutes of the last General Synod, page 121.) This, if raised, with other funds from the Woman's Missionary Society and other sources, will give the Board the amount named and enable them to push the work vigorously.

How to Raise $40,000 this Year.—1. Let every Pastor and Church Council see that *at least the full apportionment* is raised in every congregation.

"Not that other men be eased, and ye burdened; but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want."—2 Cor. viii. 13, 14.

2. As an aid to this let every Pastor and Sunday-school Superintendent see that all his scholars are supplied in time with the envelopes furnished by the Board for the annual collection for Sunday-school Home Missions on "*Luther Sunday*," which will occur on November 11th this year.

This collection brought in about $5,000 last year from about 400 schools. If every school would use the envelopes, the amount could easily be doubled. Send orders for envelopes to the General Secretary of the Board.

3. Let every individual member of the Church give regularly and conscientiously as a good steward of God.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."—1 Cor. xvi. 2.

4. Let those who have received special blessings or mercies from God, recognize them by making a *special thank-offering* unto Him for this work.

"To do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."—Heb. xiii. 16.

5. Let as many as can do so without injustice to their children, or others who may be dependent upon them, remember this great work of the Church *in their wills*, and leave the Board such legacies as they can, whether in large or small amounts.

Not the very rich only, but many of those of moderate or small wealth, can properly add to the service of their lives by giving at their death from what they were obliged to retain for their support as long as they lived.—*The Independent.*

Form of Bequest.—Persons making bequests to the Board should be careful to use the full and correct *corporate title* of the Board, as found in the following form:

I give, devise, and bequeath to "THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," the sum of $ . . . . . (or if real estate, or personal property, describe carefully.).

The Lutheran Missionary Journal, the official organ of the several Boards of the General Synod and the Woman's Missionary Society, is published monthly, at 25 cents a year in clubs of 10 or more. Every number is filled with interesting and valuable information about the work of the Church. It ought to be found in *every home* in the General Synod.

Rev. J. N. Lenker, special representative of the Board of Church Extension, was then heard on the work of securing lots for churches and parsonages. The following summary was presented:

Summary for Two Years.

Letters mailed, 952; packages of printing mailed for circulation, 558; towns and settlements visited, 439; in 31 places the first Lutheran services were held, and in 53 places the first English Lutheran services; sermons and addresses delivered, 334; miles traveled by rail, 33,160, and by stage, 1,075; number of lots secured to the congregetion, to the Board, or bargained for, 166; had subscribed on the ground for the lots, $10,000, the estimated value of which, including those donated, is $21,000; aided in erecting 22 churches, for which had subscribed, mostly in *starting* the subscription lists, $11,646. Three parsonages were assisted in building, which is not included in the above. Collections, $181.88; expenses, $571.69, or averaging $285.85 each year, a small

amount when it is considered that the most work was done on our far frontier, New Mexico, Western Colorado, Wyoming Territory, and the Black Hills, Dakota Territory. About one hundred subscribers to church papers were secured, and a number of children baptized. The Board would like to appropriate more money to this special work, but cannot do so until the contributions from the congregations are increased. Will not Nebraska Synod do more for Church Extension next year than its last twelve months' record shows?

Resolved, That as a Synod we have heard with pleasure and thanks to God the statements about the cause of Home Missions by Brother Barnitz, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and deeply deplore the needs of the Board.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure and thanks to God the report of the Special Representative of the Board of Church Extension.

Resolved, That as a Synod we express confidence in the work in which Brother Lenker is engaged.

Resolved, That as a Synod we will endeavor to do more for the cause of the Board of Church Extension in the future than in the past, and co-operate heartily with Brother Lenker in this work.

Resolved, That we express our great appreciation of the special efforts of the Board of Church Extension in behalf of our beloved Lutheran Zion in Nebraska; and further,

Resolved, That the report of Brother Lenker be published in the minutes of Synod.

Adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SERVICES.

The subject of Church Extension was discussed by Rev. Fisher in the English language, and Pastor Neumaerker in the German language.

Collection $11.39.

FOURTH DAY—FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22, 9:00 A. M

Opened with prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

Moved that we now proceed to selection of time and place of next meeting of Synod.

Grand Island was chosen as the place for next meeting.

Ten o'clock was set apart for hearing the report of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

On motion the election of delegates to the General Synod was made the special order for Monday 9:15 a. m.

At ten o'clock the Committee on Traveling Secretary submitted the following:

Report of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

Your Committee on Traveling Secretary respectfully submit the following:

Mr. President and Brethren of Nebraska Synod: Your Committee on Traveling Secretary, appointed at the meeting of Nebraska Synod at Beatrice, 1887, would respectfully report—

1. That at the regular quarterly meeting in January, 1888, the former officers of the Committee were elected.

2. That Rev. C. Huber was continued as Traveling Secretary at his former salary, viz., $1250.

3. Regular quarterly meetings were held by the Committee, at which time the Traveling Secretary gave a report of his work, and such other business was transacted as came before the Committee for consideration.

4. Notes of the Committee's business and reports of the Traveling Secretary's work for each quarter were published and distributed.

5. The Treasurer's annual report of moneys received and disbursed will be laid before the Synod at its next meeting.

6. The Traveling Secretary will, in person, report to Synod a summarized account of his work since the last meeting of Synod.

Respectfully, P. S. LEISENRING, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

By J. F. Wilhelmy, Treasurer.

Jan. 9, 1888, To Balance as per Report			$44 48
" Amount Collected in 1888 Subscription			742 28
" " " " 1887 "			106 45
			$893 21
Paid Rev. C. Huber balance due on 1887 salary	$254 86		
" " " " " " 1888 "	506 23		
" " " Traveling Expenses	85 12		
" For Printing and Postage	47 00		
	$893 21		
Total Amount Subscribed for 1888			$1143 13
Collected on same during the Year			742 28

Balance due on Subscription for 1888	$400 85
" " " " " 1887	104 65
	$505 50
At the close of this quarter, September 30th, we will owe Rev. C. Huber, on salary account	$431 27
For Printing also due	19 00
	$450 27

We recommend the following:

First.—That the office and work of the Traveling Secretary be continued.

Second.—That in view of the very faithful and efficient work of Rev. C. Huber, his services be continued.

Third.—That the pastors be requested to circulate subscription books in their churches and solicit contributions for the necessities of the present year, and made payable to the Treasurer of the committee on or before December 15, 1888.

Fourth.—That the roll of Synod be called and the members present be requested to respond, stating the amount of additional contribution each will give to meet the deficiency for the year 1888, said contribution payable on or before December 15th.

Fifth.—That the committee be authorized to secure at least $1,600 for the work of next year, commencing January 1, 1889.

J. S. DETWEILER,
P. S. LEISENRING,
J. F. WILHELMY,
L. L. LIPE,
GEO. H. SCHNUR, JR.,
L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
ROBERT WEIDENSALL,
CHRISTIAN MOESSNER,
HENRY SPRICK,
GEO. H. SCHNUR, SR.
Committee.

Brief Report of the Traveling Secretary.

It is with pleasure that I present herewith a brief report of the work of last year. When a statement was made in our Synodical minutes one year ago, this special work had been in progress only nine months. It was then quite a new thing, it is not old yet, but we are learning by experience from time to time how to make the work more efficient, and accomplish most for our Church. The past twelve months have been entirely devoted to this work.

VISIT EAST.

Shortly after the meeting of our Synod, a year ago, I made a visit to the East. I was absent about five weeks. It was to be my vacation, but how can a man rest when there is so much to do? During the time that I was

absent a number of places were visited in the interests of our work. The following may be mentioned as the most important: Chicago, Ill., Baltimore, Md., York, Pa., Gettysburg, Pa., Hanover, Pa., Turbotville, Pa., Williamsport, Pa., Lewisburg, Pa., and Philadelphia, Pa. I can not refer to these visits here, and the work done, but I have no doubt in my mind but that great good was accomplished by these visits.

NEW PLACES VISITED.

After my return from the East, the closing part of the first quarter, and a part of the second quarter of the year, were more especially devoted to the visiting of new places. Quite a large number of such places were visited, as the "Synodical Notes" have stated from time to time. At a number of these places it was the privilege of the Secretary to preach the first sermon by a Lutheran minister. It is well known among us that our dear Lutheran Church is very much misrepresented by a good many people of other denominations, and this is caused by the fact that they do not know us. It is with pleasure that I make the statement here that I have been very kindly received by all, and that many have been surprised that the Lutheran Church teaches such doctrines, and insists upon such consecration and devotion.

Had we the means, it would pay us richly to send out a man who would do nothing else than go from place to place, where our Church is not known, and preach the plain, pure gospel as taught by our Church.

VACANCIES SUPPLIED.

This has occupied the greater part of my time, especially the last eight months. We had during the last year, and that the greater part of the same, six vacant charges, consisting of eight preaching points, which have been under the direct care of the Secretary. Two of these have secured a pastor, and four are still on my hands and are looking to me to be supplied with the preaching of the gospel. This work has been carried on by the kindly assistance of some of the brethren.

One of these charges had preaching every Sunday for nearly five months, two had preaching every other Sunday, two had preaching once a month, and one had preaching once in three weeks.

It can very easily be seen how much of the preaching at these places could be done by the Secretary himself, for there were times when three of these charges had preaching on the same Sunday. Not only was it necessary to preach at these places, but also much pastoral work needed to be done.

Visiting the sick and the dying, burying the dead, baptizing both infants and adults, raising pastor's salary, liquidating church debts, restoring peace and harmony where strife and discord had entered the fold—these and many other things too numerous to mention have consumed the time of the Secretary.

RESULTS.

It may be well to refer to this, although in this kind of work, just as the regular pastor in his labors, it is often difficult to speak of results. With us is

the saying certainly true, "One soweth and another reapeth." Nevertheless we can see from time to time what has been accomplished, and to this some reference can be made here.

One congregation, which at this time is one of our most encouraging fields of labor, has been gained, and is now in good working order. It would have been an impossibility to accomplish this, had it not been for our special work.

Two congregations, regularly organized and with church property, might have been lost to us had it not been for timely visits which the Secretary was able to make. The other points which were indeed very much discouraged have been kept together, and frequently comforted and cheered. Space does not permit us to go into details about the work. Hence I close by giving a

SUMMARY OF THE WORK DURING THE YEAR.

Number of places visited	91
Miles traveled	7083
Sermons and addresses	130
Letters written	626
Traveling expenses	$163 49

C. HUBER, *Secretary.*

Pledges to make up deficiency on work of Traveling Secretary were as follows:

Revs. Grönmiller, Siekman, Griffith, Lipe, Neumaerker, Detweiler, Albright, Lenker, Spriegel, Hansen, Shrader, Sick, Fisher, Schnur, Jr., Schumann, Krueger, White, Kuhns, D. D., Smith, Barnitz, Messrs. Hackendorf, Croll, Schreckengast, each $5.00.

Revs. C. Huber $10.00, Rosenstengel $2.00, Melick $8.00, Kossick $1.00, Thomsen $3.00, Schwartz $1.00, Kunkelman $2.00, Ewald $1.00, Messrs. Lanhorst $2.00, Osterloh $2.00. All the above personal.

FOR CONGREGATIONS.

Rev. J. C. Jacoby, Nebraska City	$15 00
Rev. Roernaes, Norway, Kansas	5 00
Rev. C. Sick, Fontanelle	5 00

Pending discussion, Synod adjourned with prayer.

FOURTH DAY—SECOND SESSION.

1:30 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Traveling Secretary continued their report.

Adopted item by item and as a whole.

Time for preparatory services having arrived, Synod adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SERVICES.

The subject of Home Missions was presented by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary Board of Home Missions.

Collection, $9.55.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

LUTHERAN.

Morning.—Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D.

Evening.—Rev. C. Huber, and Dr. Harkey.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Morning.—Rev. A. Stump.

Evening.—Rev. S. E. Smith.

METHODIST.

Morning.—Rev. J. C. Jacoby.

Evening.—Rev. G. H. Schnur, Jr.

LUTHERAN CHURCH, SURPRISE, NEB.

Morning.—Rev. J. N. Lenker.

FIFTH DAY—FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1888, 9 A. M.

Opened with prayer. Minutes read and approved. Special order being the election of Delegates to the next meeting of General Synod, such election was held and resulted as follows:

CLERICAL DELEGATES.

Primarii.

Rev. G. H. Albright, Beatrice.
" R. Neumaerker, Barada.
" A. B. Shrader, Grand Island.
" Adam Stump, North Platte.
" Ch. Thomsen, Laramie City, Wyo.
" B. F. Pugh, Rising City.
" J. C. Jacoby, Nebraska City.

Secundi.

" H. P. Hansen, Denver, Colo.
" J. W. Kimmel, McCook.
" G. H. Schnur, Sr., Omaha.
" J. S. Detweiler, Omaha.
" J. G. Griffith, Auburn.
" C. Huber, Omaha.
" L. L. Lipe, West Point.

LAY DELEGATES.

Primarii.

J. F. Wilhelmy, Omaha.
John Miller, Rising City.
H. Sprick, Fontanelle.
L. F. M. Easterday, Lincoln.
Adam Ickes, Sidney.
Wm. Ebright, Beatrice.
G. Duerfeldt, Barada.

Secundi.

A. Bearresen, Denver.
Aug. Kountze, Omaha.
W. A. Heimberger, Grand Island.

M. B. Croll, M. D., Omaha.
G. A. Crannell, Tekamah.
P. S. Leisenring, M. D., Omaha.
Fred. Brockmyer, Hanover, Kan.

Resolved, That the one receiving the highest number of votes on first ballot be the Chairman of Delegates to General Synod.

Committee on Wayne Academy made their final report.

Report of Committee on Wayne Academy.

Mr. President: Your Committee having in charge Wayne Academy during the past synodical year, beg leave to offer the following:

About two weeks before the last report to Synod, the Academy had opened its first year at Wayne with thirteen students. This number kept steadily increasing, till the number of regular students during the second term was twenty-seven. At the close of this term a number of the students went out to teach, others returned to farm work, reducing the number of students to fourteen. During the year thirty-two students were enrolled, with an average attendance of eighteen.

Early in the school year Prof. L. F. M. Easterday resigned his position on your committee. The President of Synod then appointed Hon. Geo. H. Fair, of Dakota City, Neb., to fill the vacancy.

Your committee met at Wayne November 22, 1887, and proceeded to make such arrangements as the state of the institution demanded.

1. *The Instructors.*—Prof. W. C. McCool was engaged as principal for the ensuing year at a salary of $800, Rev. J. F. Müeller as professor in the Greek and German languages at a salary of $40, Mrs. Prof. McCool to assist gratis under her husband's salary, H. G. Leisenring, M. D. to teach physiology and hygiene gratis, Rev. M. L. Melick to teach three regular studies also gratis. The building and furniture were also provided by the citizens of Wayne, and all the circulars, etc., were done gratis by the editors of Wayne. Hence the entire sum for the teaching force of the year was $840.

At this meeting of the committee a communication referred to us by the North Platte Conference, from the Dakota City and Homer congregations, constituents from the Dakota City pastorate, requested the services of Rev. Prof. W. C. McCool as supply each alternate Sabbath. Your committee complied with the request, on the condition that the amount paid by them be applied on Prof. McCool's salary ($800), as agreed upon by the committee.

2. *Regulations.*—Such regulations as your committee deemed necessary for the proper government of the school were adopted.

3. *Provisions by Synod.*—This Synod at its last meeting having authorized your Committee to raise a sum not exceeding $400, to supplement the principal's salary, your Committee resolved to make an apportionment to the membership of Synod on the basis of $300. This was done, and the results are found in statement of the finances.

Prof. McCool managed the school to the entire satisfaction of the Committee and all concerned. The examinations and closing exercises in June were highly complimentary to all concerned.

In the meantime the citizens of Wayne sent through your Committee to the Board of Education of the General Synod a proposition for the permanent establishment of the Academy at Wayne. The proposition received the favorable consideration of that Board, but its final action is still pending.

FINANCES.

1. *Moneys Received.*

Tuition during the year	$513 00
Compensation for Prof. McCool's services at Dakota City	75 00
For same from Homer	49 00
From congregations	104 91
Emily King (Lincoln, Neb.,) on private subscription	10 00
Collections by Prof. McCool	7 00
Total receipts	$758 91

2. *Moneys Expended.*

Incidental expenses	$54 31
Traveling expenses of Prof. McCool in services for Academy	10 10
Traveling expenses of Prof. McCool in services of Dakota City and Homer congregations	32 25
Paid Prof. McCool on salary as per Academy services	452 25
Paid Rev. J. F. Mueller on salary as per Academy services	30 00
Total expenditures	$578 91
Balance due Prof. McCool on salary for the year	$180 00

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Committee for traveling expenses for the sum of $19.45.

2. That this Synod recommend Wayne Academy to the Board of Education of the General Synod and ask said Board to take up the Academy as soon as possible.

3. That this Synod instruct its Committee to provide, from the territory of Synod, for the deficiency incurred last year and the additional expenses, till final action shall have been taken by the Board of Education of the General Synod.

3. That in case the Board of Education of the General Synod should fail to accept the proposition from the citizens of Wayne, the work of your Committee shall cease immediately thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. JACOBY,
M. L. MELICK,
GEO. H. FAIR.
Committee.

WHEREAS, The interests of the Chautauqua at Crete, Neb., have been so favorably presented to this body, and

Whereas, An organization has already been formed, consisting of members of the Lutheran church; therefore

Resolved, That we authorize the officers of this organization to establish permanent headquarters at Crete as soon as sufficient means are on hand, and that they be permitted to solicit money for this purpose.

Rev. J. S. Detweiler reported for the Board of Education. The following circular was submitted for publication:

To the Synods and Churches.

To the Synods and Churches of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, Greeting.

At the Harrisburg meeting of the General Synod, held in May, 1885, a forward step was taken as regards educational interests in the growing church which we are proud to claim as ours. At Omaha, in June, 1887, the General Synod formally organized the Board of Education, giving it a constitution and laws of government, appointing it to important work and trusts, and pledging itself to its support by such resolutions as the following:

"*Resolved*, That the chairman of each delegation be requested to present the needs of the Board of Education to his synod, and urge them take measures to secure contributions to the General Synod's treasury for their use."

"The recommendation authorizing the Board to raise $5,000 annually for its work was agreed to."

(See General Synod Minutes, Omaha meeting, p. 148, 149.)

The object of the Board of Education is clearly stated in the second article of the Constitution given it by the General Synod, which reads thus:

"The object of this Board shall be to render financial aid to the educational institutions of the General Synod; to co-operate with the local agencies in determining sites for new institutions; to decide what institutions shall be aided; to assign to institutions seeking endowment the special fields open to their appeals; to receive and disburse contributions, donations and bequests for educational purposes, and do such other things under the direction of the General Synod pertaining to and best calculated to promote the general educational interests of the church."

At this time the Board would call your earnest heed to two inquiries and their answers.

1. Has the Board, up to the present time, met the duties imposed upon it by the General Synod?

a. It was made a special duty to select a location and found an institution of learning west of the Mississippi river. The Board met this duty by locating and founding Midland College, at Atchison, Kansas, selecting the faculty and running the institution under such indications of Divine favor as to enroll over one hundred students during the first year.

b. It was made a duty of the Board to raise $5,000 annually for the prosecution of work in the interests of education. The Board has sought to meet

this duty by appealing to the Synods and churches, through its officers, members, and brethren in the church, through the church papers, through private correspondence and personal appeal, and also especially through the General Synod's regularly appointed Children's Day.

c. It was made a duty to fully organize for aggressive work "as soon as practicable," by the appointment of a General Secretary. The Board has met this duty by regularly electing the officers required by its Constitution, and by recently sending a unanimous call to Rev. M. F. Troxell, of Kansas City, Mo., to become its General Secretary, to represent its interests and objects throughout the church.

d. Other duties have been met in the consideration of appeals and requests for aid, in the efforts made by the Board to foster every fair and legitimate proposition looking to the increased usefulness of old and the founding of new institutions, and in attempting to devise ways and means to arouse the church to a sense of the timely nature of the work for which the Board has been created and authorized to do.

2. Has the church, up to the present time, met the pledge of support which, in the very nature of things, it imposed upon itself in setting this Board to work?

a. By all efforts and from all sources only a little more than half the sum voted by the church to be raised for all the objects of the Board's work has been paid into the hands of the Board's treasurer.

We make no comment upon these questions and answers. They speak for themselves. We simply call attention to them in all sincerity and love.

We desire to correct a wrong impression that to some extent prevails in the church, namely, that the Board has no work to do but to found and develop Midland College. The church must sooner or later learn that our work is wider far than this. It is the duty of the Board to relieve existing institutions as well as to locate and found colleges and academies. Carthage College and other institutions need and must receive support. To give help wherever we can, and wherever directed by the church, will be our pleasing duty. And the Board, therefore, through its General Secretary, will aim to keep in constant and ready sympathy and helpful co-operation with every institution of the church, pledging itself to foster every right influence in favor of particular institutions. Read again the object of the Board as stated in the second article of its Constitution.

The Board at this time reports to the church that it is fully organized for work. It realizes the importance of its trust. For in the educational interests of the church must lie the very germs of success or failure in every department of work.

No argument is needed to show how that not only the men for the ministry, but also the leaders and thinkers among men and women and children everywhere to-day, must needs have Christian institutions for their most successful training and culture.

The policy of the Board will be to do nothing but that which will advance

the cause and church of Christ, and to antagonize no part nor person in this cause, but to seek only the highest good in every way.

With these statements the Board presents its cause to the church whose creation and servant it is, and feels that the church only needs to have the fair and candid statements herein made in order to stand loyally by the pledge it has given and the action it has already taken.

The Board earnestly urges all District Synods to include in their apportionment tables the proper quota of the sum authorized by the General Synod to be raised for this work. Some Synods did this last year. To those which have done nothing as yet we suggest an apportionment this year sufficient to cover the quota of ten thousand dollars for two years. This will result in equal justice to all. Is it any wonder that our treasury is exhausted at this time, and that worthy appeals for help must be unanswered?

To the churches we commend the objects of the Board's labors and prayers, seeking as we do the whole church's interest, prayers and gifts. This Board will never appeal but out of a crying need, and for a larger measure of the grace of God as it comes through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Therefore we confidently expect to touch the heart of the church, and out of the church's heart we expect to receive answering throbs of both gifts and grace.

In behalf of the Board of Education,

M. F. TROXELL, *General Secretary.*

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure of the election of Rev. M. F. Troxell as the General Secretary of the Board of Education of the General Synod, and bid him welcome to the conventions and territory of the Nebraska Synod.

Resolved, That every congregation of our Synod that has not raised its apportionment for the Board of Education of the General Synod, be kindly requested to do so, both for the last and this year.

Resolved, That one of the evenings of the synodical convention be set apart for the consideration of the great subject of Education, and that it be placed on an equality with Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension, and as it is one of the important objects of the General Synod, it take precedence of any other questions but the above.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet at one o'clock.

FIFTH DAY—SECOND SESSION.

1 P. M.

Resolved, That hereafter the Delegates to the General Synod shall elect their own chairman.

Committee of three was appointed to investigate the matter presented by Rev. J. S. Detweiler.

The chair appointed Revs. Lipe, Huber and Sick.

Committee reported and was discharged.

Committee on President's Report, supplementary.

Adopted item by item and as a whole.

Report on President's Report.

Your committee would recommend:

1. That the following resolution, whose adoption has been requested by the trustees of Carthage College, be passed:

Resolved, That this Synod, being the owner of *forty-two* shares of the capital stock of Carthage College, at Carthage, in Hancock county and State of Illinois, do hereby consent that Carthage College borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay the present existing indebtedness of said college; and the trustees of Carthage College, or their Executive Committee, authorize the president of the Board of Trustees and secretary to execute a good and sufficient mortgage on the real property of said college at Carthage, Illinois, to secure the sum of money so borrowed, and that the said money may be borrowed for a period not exceeding five years and at a rate of annual interest not exceeding seven per cent.

Adopted.

2. In view of the following communication which has been received by the committee from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Carthage College:

"Inasmuch as there seems to be a willingness on the part of the Synods of Kansas and Nebraska to transfer their stock in Carthage College to the Synods in the more immediate territory of the institution; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That while we would be glad of the continued co-operation of these Synods, we appreciate the kindly spirit in the offer, and the transfer would meet our approval."

We recommend that we retain our capital stock in Carthage College, and that the trustees of Nebraska Synod be authorized to vote said stock.

C. L. T. FISHER,
C. MOESSNER,
J. F. WILHELMY.

Report of Committee to Consider the Propriety of Dividing Expenses of Delegates to Nebraska Synod.

We submit the following: Considering the many difficulties that would arise from the carrying out of such regulation, we deem the matter impracticable, and recommend no action on the subject.

J. W. KIMMEL,
L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
M. TROUTMAN.

On Minutes of Last Year.

Your Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last Convention would submit the following report:

1. We find that the Minutes have been neatly printed, and the work well executed—that they are a faithful record of the transactions of Synod, and that the English and German Minutes harmonize.

2. Have the 3d, 6th, 7th and 8th recommendations of the Committee on Traveling Secretary (pages 34 and 40), been followed? Ans. Yes.

3. Why were not amendments to Article IV. Sections 4 and 6 of the Constitution embodied in the printed English Minutes, (pages 20, 23, 25 and 26)? Ans. Due to an oversight.

4. Have the congregations at Hastings and Rapid City adopted the Constitution recommended (page 47)? Ans. No.

5. Have the resolutions (page 53), in regard to the Kearney church been carried into effect? Ans. Committee has discharged its duty.

6. What has been done in the case of Revs. Kaiser and Klockenmyer, as required on page 51? Ans. Neglected.

Respectfully,

H. W. KUHNS,
CH. SICK.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars be apportioned to the congregations of Synod, during the coming year, for Synodical Treasury.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Mr. President: The matters placed into our hands were:

1. A letter from Rev. G. W. Fraser saying that he could not be present at Synod on account of straitened finances. We recommend that the brother be excused.

2. A copy of the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Bloomington, Neb., signed by the council. Supposing this congregation desires to be received into our Synod, we recommend that its petition be granted.

3. A report of a Committee on the Dakota charge. This committee recommends, with the consent of the joint council of the charge, "the practicability of so districting the entire field in Dakota county, that Salem and Homer constitute one charge, and Dakota and South Sioux City another." We recommend that this division take place so soon as the people's petition comes into the hands of the President of the Synod.

4. A petition from the German St. John's congregation in Dakota county, asking to be admitted into this Synod. As its constitution accompanies this request, we recommend its admission.

5. The constitution of the German St. Paul's congregation of Laramie, Wyoming, and a request for admission into the Synod. We recommend that their request be granted.

6. A letter from the Trinity Scandinavian church council of Laramie, Wyoming, requesting "That the Nebraska Synod have the Formula of Government of the General Synod and the Book of Worship translated into the

Scandinavian languages." We recommend that we, the Nebraska Synod, most respectfully request the General Synod at its next convention in Allegheny, Pa., to have translated its Constitution and its Formula of Government in the Danish-Norwegian and in the Swedish languages, and published with a collection of hymns in said languages,

7. A request from Rev. J. Hediger, asking to be excused from this session of Synod on account of straitened finances. We recommend that his request be granted. Respectfully,

ADAM STUMP,
R. NEUMAERKER,
H. C. ROERNAES.

Resolved, That as soon as the congregations at Hastings and Rapid City present the proper constitution signed by the trustees of said churches to the officers of Synod, they be admitted to this Synod.

Moved and carried—

That the case of Revs. Kaiser and Klockenmyer be recommitted to the officers of Synod for action.

Resolved, That the St. John's congregation of Orleans, and Trinity congregation of Stamford, be received into this Synod when the proper documents are in the President's hands.

EXCUSES.

Letters were received from the following brethren, requesting to be excused from attendance upon this convention, viz; Revs. Gutleben, Knight, Tjaden, Anderson, Andreason, Jatho, Bond, and Ludwig—Revs. Knight and Anderson enclosing each two dollars for the Synodical treasury. The reasons given by these brethren seem to be such that by the rules of the Synod they may be excused, and we recommend they be so excused.

The following brethren requested leave of absence, which was granted, viz: Revs. Thoele, Gromnisch, Spriegel, Eyster, Kimmel, Fricke, Moessner, Detweiler, and Hansen; also, Bros. Zink, Crannell, Krause, and Wilhelmy. We recommend that they be excused.

Respectfully,

L. L. LIPE,
J. H. DIRKS.
H. P. HANSEN.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

Your Committee on Apportionment beg leave to report as follows:

Pastors.	Congregations.	Number of Members	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	General Synod	Beneficiary Education	Synodical Treasury	Board of Education	
			15%	15%	18	1	16	16	2%	
Albright, G. H.	Beatrice	65	$11 70	$10 07	$11 70	$0 65	$10 40	$10 40	$1	$56 22
Andreason, F. M.	Rapid City, Dak.	23	4 14	3 56	4 14	23	3 68	3 68		18 00
Augustine, I. N.	Carlton	14	2 52	2 17	2 52	14	2 24	2 24		11 09
Baird, C.	South Sioux City	64	11 52	9 92	11 52	64	10 24	10 24	1	54 84
Beckman, C. J.	Cheyenne, Wy.	20	3 60	3 10	3 60	20	3 20	3 20		16 50
Bond, J.	Ohiowa	55	9 90	8 52	9 90	55	8 80	8 80	1	46 92
Dirks, J. H.	Febing	204	36 72	31 62	36 72	2 04	32 64	32 64	6	172 68
Ewald, P.	Orleans	30	5 40	4 65	5 40	30	4 80	4 80		25 35
Fisher, C. L. T.	Sidney	49	8 82	7 60	8 82	49	7 84	7 84	1	41 27
Fraser, G. W.	Bloomington	45	8 10	6 98	8 10	45	7 20	7 20	1	37 98
Fricke, H. W.	Hooper	250	45 00	38 75	45 00	2 50	40 00	40 00	7	210 75
Gafert, Fred.	Grand Island	60	10 80	9 30	10 80	60	9 60	9 60	1	50 30
Griffith, J. G.	Auburn	108	19 44	16 74	19 44	1 08	17 28	17 28	3	91 26
Grönmiller, J. G.	Hanover	120	21 60	18 60	21 60	1 20	19 20	19 20	3	101 60
Gutleben, J.	Home, Kan.	50	9 00	7 75	9 00	50	8 00	8 00	1	42 25
Hansen, H. P.	Denver	46	8 28	7 13	8 28	46	7 36	7 36	1	38 83
Jacoby, J. C.	Nebraska City	44	7 92	6 82	7 92	44	7 04	7 04	1	37 14
Jatho, A.	Sacramento, Cal.	75	13 50	11 62	13 50	75	12 00	12 00	2	63 37
Kimmel, J. W.	McCook	27	4 86	4 19	4 86	27	4 32	4 32		22 81
Kossick, M.	Ridgely	85	15 30	13 18	15 30	85	13 60	13 60	2	71 78
Krueger, Karl	Ponca	86	15 48	13 33	15 48	86	13 76	13 76	2	72 63
Kuhlman, J. F.	Roca	31	5 58	4 81	5 58	31	4 96	4 96		26 13
Kunkelman, M. L.	Benedict	58	10 44	8 99	10 44	58	9 28	9 28	1	48 73
Lipe, L. L.	West Point	64	11 52	9 92	11 52	64	10 24	10 24	1	54 09
Melick, M. L.	Wayne	52	9 36	8 06	9 36	52	8 32	8 32	1	43 82
Meessner, Chr.	Columbus	130	23 40	20 15	23 40	1 30	17 80	17 80	3	136 05
Neumaerker, R.	Barada	80	14 40	12 40	14 40	80	12 80	12 80	2	67 40
Opsal, H. O.	Laramie, Wy.	63	11 70	10 08	11 70	63	16 40	16 40	1	58 28
Pugh, B. F.	Rising	57	10 26	8 84	10 26	57	9 12	9 12	1	47 82
Roernaes, H. C.	Norway, Kan.	62	11 16	9 61	11 16	62	9 92	9 92	1	52 38
Rosenstengel, W.	Albuquerque, N. M.	24	4 32	3 72	4 32	24	3 84	3 84		31 72
Schabinger, L.	St. Joseph, Mo.	47	8 46	7 29	8 46	47	7 52	7 52	1	41 47
Schnur, G. H.	Yutan	23	4 14	3 57	4 14	23	3 68	3 68		19 93
Schnur, G. H., Jr.	Omaha	57	10 26	8 84	10 26	57	9 12	9 12	1	47 82
Schumann, H.	Boheet	48	8 64	7 44	8 64	48	7 68	7 68	1	44 38
Schwartz, F.	Gothenberg	45	8 10	6 98	8 10	45	7 20	7 20	1	35 98
Shrader, A. B.	Grand Island	46	8 28	7 14	8 28	46	7 36	7 36	1	38 04
Shultz, D. H.	Potter	22	3 96	3 41	3 96	22	3 52	3 52		30 85
Sick, Chr.	Fontenelle	173	31 14	26 82	31 14	1 73	27 68	27 68	5	153 76
Sickel, H.	Rockport, Mo.	109	19 62	16 90	19 62	1 09	17 45	17 44	1	97 03
Siekman, H.	Hastings	34	6 12	5 27	6 12	34	5 44	5 44	1	60 39
Smith, S. E.	Ponca	54	9 72	8 37	9 72	54	8 64	8 64	1	61 91
Spriegel, F.	Center Valley	210	37 80	32 55	37 80	2 10	33 60	33 60	6	211 85
Starner, K. J.	Kearney	72	12 96	11 16	12 96	72	11 52	11 52	2	76 16
Stump, A.	North Platte	76	13 68	11 78	13 68	76	12 16	12 16	2	78 44
Thoele, Wm.	Carrico	47	8 46	7 29	8 46	47	7 52	7 52	1	41 73
Thomsen, C.	Laramie, Wy. T.	13	2 34	2 02	2 34	13	2 08	2 08		11 78
White, R. A.	Waverly	55	9 90	8 53	9 90	55	8 80	8 80	1	49 63
Wolff, J.	Sterling	21	3 78	3 26	3 78	21	3 36	3 36		29 39
Vacant	St. Paul's, Brown Co., Kan.	40	7 20	6 20	7 20	40	6 40	6 40	1	30 20
Vacant	Zion's, Fillmore, Co	45	8 10	6 98	8 10	45	7 20	7 20	1	33 98
Vacant	Oakland, Burt Co.	11	1 98	1 71	1 98	11	1 76	1 76	1	33 43
Vacant	Grace, Burt Co.	35	6 30	5 43	6 30	35	5 60	5 60	1	165 83
Pritze, H.	Hastings	40	7 20	6 20	7 20	40	6 40	6 40	1	30 20
Vacant	Lincoln	37	6 66	5 74	6 66	37	5 92	5 92	1	27 98
Detweiler, J. S.	Omaha	176	31 68	27 28	31 68	1 76	28 16	28 16	5	148 76
Vacant	Dakota City	16	2 88	2 48	2 88	16	2 56	2 56		48 36
Vacant	Homer	18	3 24	2 79	3 24	18	2 88	2 88		54 03
Vacant	Tekamah	40	7 56	6 31	7 56	40	6 72	6 72	1	60 59
Luschei, O. L.	Greenleaf, Kan.	20	3 60	3 10	3 60	20	3 20	3 20		16 50
Total										

Respectfully submitted,

P. EWALD.
R. A. WHITE.
W. E. KROUSE.

New Congregations.

Your Committee on the reception of new congregations respectfully report as follows:

The only application placed in their hands is from the Trinity Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Aspen, Col.

This congregation was organized March 25, 1888, and now numbers twenty-six members.

As they have adopted a constitution in doctrinal conformity with the General Synod, we recommend that this congregation be received into full connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

J. ZIMMERMAN,
J. F. KUHLMAN,
H. O. OPSAL.

Resolved, That as pastors, and lay delegates, we make greater efforts to circulate Lutheran literature in our fields of labor, viz., our excellent Sunday-school periodicals, our weekly church papers, and the Lutheran Missionary Journal.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the growing spirit of union in our American Evangelical Lutheran Church, which has given us "*The Common Service*," which we recommend for introduction in all our congregation and missionary work.

Whereas, The sin of Sabbath desecration is so prevalent in our land,

Resolved, That we lay the importance of the proper keeping of the Sabbath upon the hearts of our people. Respectfully submitted,

J. N. LENKER,
CH. THOMSEN,
Committee.

Whereas, Intemperance is the fruitful source of sin and crime; and

Whereas, The saloon and intemperance are great hindrances to the prosperity of the Christian Church; therefore,

Resolved, That as a Synod we pledge our mutual co-operation in the presentation of Bible temperance to our people, with a view of securing a more wholesome Christian sentiment on this great subject.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the U. P., B. & M., N. W., and Santa Fé Railroad companies for favors granted.

Resolved, That Synod express its hearty thanks to the pastor, Rev. B. F. Pugh, and to the congregation and all their friends, for the generous and most satisfactory manner in which they have entertained the large number of delegates and visitors to Synod.

Resolved, That these resolutions be read to the congregation this evening, by the President of Synod.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Committee on Report of Statistical Secretary.

The paper placed in the hands of your Committee is the Report of the

Statistical Secretary. His questions are important, and Synod should decide at this time what should be done. Your Committee believe that the historical reports from the pastorates are too meagre, and would offer the following:

1. That the pastors prepare historical sketches of the rise and progress of their congregations, and send the same to the Historical Secretary.

2. That a Committee of two be appointed to co-operate with the Secretary, n making such selections as they may deem proper.

3. That the Secretary take charge of these reports, and add to the same from time to time as important events may occur.

J. G. GRIFFITH,
L. M. KUHNS.

Adjourned with prayer.

SIXTH DAY—FIRST SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25, 9 A. M.

Opened with prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

Moved and carried, that the Secretary be instructed to purchase a book for recording Minutes, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill.

Education Committee.

Considered item by item.

Report of the Education Committee.

APPLICANTS FOR AID.

1. We recommend that our beneficiary, W. H. Nafziger, be granted one hundred and twenty-five dollars for one year.

2. That the applicant for beneficiary aid, H. E. Nordaker, be granted the sum of one hundred dollars for one year.

3. Through Rev. H. C. Roernaes, an application was made in behalf of two young men, Jensen Martin Andresen and Harold Hendriksen, who desire to prepare for the ministry. The committee recommends that their cases be referred to the Committee on Education.

4. We recommend that one hundred dollars be appropriated to A. Doran, if necessary, in order to enable him to continue his studies in the Chicago Seminary, and that Rev. J. G. Grönmiller is hereby instructed to find out whether he needs any aid.

SUGGESTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That all persons receiving beneficiary aid from this Synod be required to give their note for all moneys received, that they will refund the

same in case they abandon the ministry or go to another denomination, and that those notes be returned to them after they have served ten years in our ministry.

2. And that the character bills of such beneficiaries shall be sent annually to the President of Synod.

3. That all applicants for aid send in written applications or appear personally before the committee with satisfactory testimonials. COMMITTEE.

Adopted as a whole.

Resolved, That the Education Committee be instructed to prepare rules and regulations for the carrying on of our beneficiary work, and report the same at the next meeting of Synod.

Adopted.

Committee on German Conference.

Your Committee, appointed on the minutes of the German Conference of our Synod, would respectfully report the following:

1. We find that the German Conference held one meeting during the last Synodical year, April 27–29, 1888, in the pastorate of Rev. R. Neumaerker, at which quite a large number of the brethren was present.

2. The brethren considered questions of vital importance; the spirit of peace and harmony prevailed, and much good was accomplished.

3. A list of names is handed to us, in connection with these minutes, of members of the German Conference who were absent from its meeting without asking to be excused. The Conference desires that these names be presented to this meeting of Synod, and the brethren be called to account.

4. The following claims the special attention of Synod. The German Conference asks permission—

(1) That it should have the right, on account of language difficulty, to examine candidates for the ministry, to recommend them to the Synod for licensure or ordination, which act the officers of the Conference should be permitted to perform.

(2) That it should be the privilege of the German congregations, in their congregational matters, such as vacancies, difficulties, etc., to refer the same to the President of their Conference, and that the President of Synod should approve his action, provided that he had been properly informed of the action of the former.

Your Committee would present the following on these points:

1. That the list of names of the absentees be read, and that each one be permitted to answer for himself.

2. That, according to our Formula of Government, it is not in the power of this body to grant any Conference the privilege to examine, license, and ordain candidates for the ministry. Chap. 16, sec. 6.

3. The Conference has a right to look after the interests of the congregations within its bounds, and to settle such difficulties which do not fall di-

rectly within the province of the President of Synod, or the Synod itself, according to the Formula of Government.

Respectfully submitted, C. HUBER,
A. B. SHRADER.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your Committee submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we assure our vacant churches of our sympathy and concern for them.

2. *Resolved*, That our vacancies be referred to the care of the President of Synod, with full authority to provide supplies in whatever way he may deem wise. (See Minutes General Synod, 1887, p. 61.)

3. *Resolved*, That we approve the work done by our Traveling Secretary in our vacant churches.

4. *Resolved*, That our vacant churches be encouraged to provide, by subscription or otherwise, for the payment of such supplies as may be provided by the President of Synod.

S. E. SMITH,
L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
WM. THOELE.

Moved that the Secretaries be authorized to have printed 500 copies of the Constitution of Synod as amended and adopted, for the use of the members.

Report of Committee on English Conferences.

Your Committee submits the following:

There are three English Conferences in this Synod, viz.: The North Platte, the South Platte, and the Western. The North Platte Conference had two meetings during the year, one in the fall, at Ponca, and the other in the spring, at Tekamah. The brethren report a good attendance at these meetings. Suitable subjects were discussed and the needs of the work considered. The need was felt of a greater influence of the Holy Spirit and a more thorough consecration to the work on the part of the ministers. They also call attention to Rev. J. H. Jorgensen, an ordained member of this Synod. We recommend that he be suspended.

The South Platte Conference also held two meetings, one at Stella, Richardson county, in November, and the other at Carlton, Franklin county, during May. At both of these meetings there were discussions on the Sacrament of Baptism, as also on other subjects of a more practical nature. There were present at these meetings a number of visiting brethren of the German Conference and of other Christian bodies. The meetings were very interesting and the brethren report the state of religion within their bounds as being prosperous.

The Western Conference, perhaps on account of the great distances which separate the brethren, have not yet succeeded in holding a meeting.

Respectfully submitted, W. ROSENSTENGEL,
H. SIEKMAN,
H. W. FRICKE.

Selection of the time of next meeting was left with the President and Secretary.

Resolved, That the covers of the English and German Minutes of Synod be devoted to advertising our general Church Boards and Societies, Wayne Academy, our German Theological Seminary at Chicago, Ill., and Midland College at Atchison, Kansas.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretaries be instructed to have published 1,000 copies of English Minutes, and 800 copies of German Minutes.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Board of Home Missions for fifty dollars, to be paid on account of the interest on the loan to the Mission church edifice, at Kearney, Nebraska.

Your Committee appointed to examine into certain difficulties between two of the ministerial brethren, would respectfully report:

1st. That we have carefully examined into the matter that was before us, and deeply regret that we have utterly failed in accomplishing anything in the matter.

2d. We recommend that a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the best method of securing a supervision of the Scandinavian work, so that it shall be carried on in harmony with the principles, and in accordance with the Formula of the General Synod,—this Committee to report at the next annual meeting.

C. HUBER,
L. L. LIPE,
J. N. LENKER.

Adopted.

Committee to supervise the Scandinavian work: Revs. Huber, Fisher and Lenker.

Trustees.

Your Committee appointed to nominate Trustees report the following:

1. For Carthage College—Rev. A. B. Shrader, Grand Island, and Brother S. K. Bittenbender, Ponca.

2. For Executive Council of Synod—C. J. Ernst, Lincoln, for 1 year; Rev. L. L. Lipe, West Point, for 2 years; Prof. L. F. M. Easterday, Lincoln, 3 years.

G. H. ALBRIGHT,
G. H. SCHNUR, JR.,
K. KRUEGER.

Adopted.

Resolved, That hereafter the Trustees to Carthage College be required t defray their own expenses.

Minutes approved and adopted as a whole.

Adjourned with prayer.

A. B. SHRADER,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

RISING CITY, NEB., SATURDAY, SEPT. 22, 1888.

Convened at 4:45 p. m.

Called to order by the President.

Opened with prayer.

Report of the Examining Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORDINATION.

Your Committee recommends the following brethren for ordination:

1. Peter Ewald, a licentate of the Kansas Synod.

Adopted.

2. Ludwig Schabinger, a licentate of the New York and New Jersey Synod

Adopted.

3. K. J. Starner, a licentate of the Nebraska Synod.

Adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS.

1. In the case of Rev. C. A. Fritze it was resolved that it be taken under advisement, and that Rev. M. L. Kunkelman be requested to correspond with the Pittsburgh Synod with reference to Rev. Fritze's case, and if it be found that his moral character is unblemished, that the President of Synod be authorized to receive Rev. Fritze as a member of this Synod, otherwise that his case be referred back to the Ministerium for action.

Adopted.

2. As to the application of Rev. M. J. Waage, we recommend that he be received into this Synod on the condition that he forward his ordination papers to the President.

Adopted.

3. A communication was received from Rev. H. Orgorth, California, and your committee recommends that when proper credentials be presented, which he has promised, his case be kindly considered.

Adopted.

J. G. GRÖNMILLER,
J. S. DETWEILER,
L. M. KUNKELMAN,
H. W. KUHNS,
J. WOLFF,
W. ROSENSTENGEL,
Committee.

Adopted as a whole.

On motion Rev. Fred. Gafert was received as a full member of Nebraska Synod.

In the case of Mr. C. J. Beckman, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, Mr. C. J. Beckman, a licentiate of this body during the last year, is not present at this session of Synod, and has sent no papers nor journals according to requirement, his relation with this Synod has ceased; and

Whereas, He has now no right to perform any ministerial function; and

Whereas, The interests of our work at Cheyenne demand our immediate attention; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby authorize Rev. H. O. Opsal to take the interests of our work at Cheyenne into his care, and do all that can be done for the same, subject to the Board of Home Missions.

Resolved, That the President of Synod give notice through our various church papers of Mr. Beckman's relation to this body.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer.

APPENDIX I.

Table of Comparative Beneficence.

Rank as to Average Contribution.	Congregation.	Total Contributions.	No. of Members.	Average Contribution per Member.	Responses to Apportionment.* Apportioned.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
1	Yutan	$137 63	18	$7 65	$21 84	$48 93	$27 09	
2	Laramie (German)	90 00	13	6 92	. . . .	58 00	58 00	
3	Grand Island	247 35	46	5 38	31 85	135 35	103 50	
4	Omaha (St. Mark's)	305 70	57	5 36	38 22	127 00	88 78	
5	Ponca	245 81	54	4 55	34 58	64 06	29 48	
6	Omaha (Kountze Memorial)	783 64	176	4 45	141 96	352 24	210 28	
7	Homer	51 85	18	2 88	. . . .	19 75	19 75	
8	Febing	326 45	204	2 58	191 20	176 45	. . .	$14 65
9	Dakota City	36 20	16	2 53	. . . .	16 20	16 20	
10	McCook	59 40	27	2 20	36 40	36 40		
11	Nebraska City	93 50	44	2 12	. . . .	23 50	23 50	
12	"Salem's" (Dakota Co.)	116 20	55	2 11	75 53	41 20	. . .	34 33
13	Roca	65 23	31	2 10	73 74	49 50	. . .	23 21
14	Benedict	41 86	21	1 99	18 20	21 86	3 66	
15	Rising Charge	113 54	57	1 99	37 31	41 29	3 98	
16	Auburn	100 69	51	1 97	44 00	68 24	24 24	
17	Stella	108 27	57	1 90	44 27	86 47	42 20	
18	Oakland	19 02	11	1 73	10 01	15 02	5 01	
19	West Point	108 70	63	1 72	64 61	105 86	41 25	
20	Tekamah	71 05	42	1 69	38 22	37 00	. . .	1 22
21	Glanville (Rev. Siekmann)	55 00	34	1 62	. . . .	20 00	20 00	
22	Wayne	79 80	52	1 53	44 18	43 80	. . .	38
23	Hanover, Kan.	177 45	120	1 46	104 65	132 45	47 80	
24	Sterling	28 60	21	1 36	25 48	26 60	3 12	
25	Grand Island (German)	80 46	53	1 34	86 45	42 96	. . .	43 49
26	Fontanelle	178 38	136	1 31	75 53	73 88	. . .	1 65
27	Columbus	166 00	130	1 28	118 30	101 00	. . .	17 30
28	"Grace" (Burt Co.)	43 24	35	1 24	31 85	34 02	2 17	
29	Waverly	65 40	55	1 19	45 50	45 80	30	
30	North Platte	84 35	76	1 11	40 34	69 35	29 01	
31	St. Joseph, Mo.	49 70	47	1 06	33 67	31 70	. . .	1 97
32	Lincoln	43 14	44	98	46 41	27 04	. . .	19 37
33	Ponca (German)	83 50	86	97	78 26	45 00	. . .	33 26
34	Hooper	220 50	250	88	227 50	220 50	. . .	7 00
35	Barada	62 55	80	78	74 62	55 55	. . .	19 07
36	Laramie (Scandinavian)	46 71	65	72	68 25	41 58	. . .	26 89
37	Sidney	34 45	49	70	27 30	25 25	. . .	2 05
38	Beatrice	42 41	65	63	52 78	27 41	. . .	25 37
39	Bohemt	30 00	24	63	40 04	30 00	. . .	10 04
40	Ohiowa	34 25	55	62	63 70	28 20	. . .	35 50
41	"Bethel" (York Co.)	21 86	37	59	18 20	21 86	3 66	
42	"St. John's" (Rockport, Mo.)	34 00	64	56	. . . .	33 00	33 00	
43	Morrill, Kan.	20 00	40	50	. . . .	10 00	10 00	
44	Carlton	7 00	14	50	20 93	7 00	. . .	13 93
45	Clark Creek	17 50	37	47	. . . .	17 50	17 50	
46	"Zion's" (Fillmore Co.)	20 00	45	44	. . . .	15 50	15 50	
47	Carrico	19 48	47	41	33 61	12 00	. . .	21 61
48	Weeping Water	69 50	210	33	58 24	44 50	. . .	13 74
49	Norway, Kan.	13 92	45	31	. . . .	13 92	13 92	
50	Denver, Col. (Scandinavian)	13 45	46	29	30 94	13 45	. . .	17 49
51	Ridgely	22 26	83	26	31 85	12 26	. . .	19 59
52	Rockport, Mo.	6 91	45	15	. . . .	6 91	6 91	
53	Home, Kan.	6 00	50	12	30 03	6 00	. . .	24 03
54	Gothenberg	4 50	45	10	47 32	4 50	. . .	42 82
55	Orleans	2 61	30	09	. . . .	2 61	2 61	
56	Kearney	3 50	72	05	69 16	3 30	. . .	65 66
57	Bloomington	1 70	45	04	. . . .	1 70	1 70	
58	Hastings (Rev. Siekmann)	. . . .	60	. . .	54 60	. . . .	. . .	54 60
59	Cheyenne (C. J. Beckman)	. . . .	40	. . .	36 40	. . . .	. . .	36 40
60	Amazon (Rev. F. W. Scheibel)	. . . .	30	. . .	27 30	. . . .	. . .	27 30
61	Rapid City, Dak. (Rev. Andreason)	. . . .	20	. . .	18 20	. . . .	. . .	18 20
62	Greenleaf, Kan. (Rev. Luschei)	. . . .	20	. . .	18 20	. . . .	. . .	18 20
	Synod of Nebraska	$3277 25	3866	$1 35	$2700 00	$2894 50	194 50	

* These four columns refer to the apportionment for those objects of Benevolence noted in the general parochial report; General Synod, Synodical Treasury, Home and Foreign Missions, Church Extension, and Beneficiary Education.

APPENDIX II.

Supplementary Parochial Report.*

Pastor's Name and Address.	Congregations.	Gen. Synod Board of Education	Wayne Academy	Traveling Secretary Huber	New Mexico Work.	Totals
1. Albright, G.H., Beatrice.	Trinity			$15 00		$15 00
2. Baird, C., South Sioux City	Salem	$5 75	$7 50	25 40		38 65
3. Bond, J., Ohiowa	St. John's	2 80	2 00	3 25		8 05
4. Detweiler, J.S., Omaha	Kountze Memorial†	55 50		221 00		276 50
5. Fisher, C. L. T., Sidney	Trinity		4 20			4 20
6. Gafert, Fred., Grand Island	German, St. Paul's	2 00		5 00	30 50	37 50
7. Griffith, J. G., Auburn	St. Paul's	2 00		6 90		8 90
	Trinity	2 00		6 15		8 15
8. Grönmiller, J. G., Hanover, Kan.				5 00	20 00	25 00
9. Huber, C., Omaha	Fillmore Co., Zion's	1 00	1 00		50	2 50
* Supplied. Morrill, Kan.	St. Paul's	1 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	9 00
" Oakland, Neb.	Trinity	1 00	2 00			3 00
" "	Grace	1 61	4 61			6 22
" Tekamah, Neb.	First	3 00	9 00	14 00		26 00
10. Jacoby, J. C., Neb. City.	First	2 84		70 00		72 84
11. Kimmel, J. W., McCook.	Trinity	6 00	5 00			11 00
12. Kuhlman, J. F., Roca	Zion's	4 00	5 00			9 00
13. McCool, W. C., Wayne	Dakota City, Immanuel.	65	4 00	2 50		7 15
	Homer, St. Paul's		3 00	1 60		4 60
14. Melick, M. L., Wayne	St. Paul's	3 00	8 00	6 00		17 00
15. Moessner, Chr., Columbus	St. John's			10 00	10 00	20 00
16. Neumaerker, R., Baraga	St. Peter's			5 00		5 00
17. Pugh, B. F., Rising	First	5 00	5 75	7 50		18 25
18. Rosenstengel, W., Albuquerque, N. M.	(Missionary)			5 00		5 00
19. Schnur, G. H., Yutan	Zion's	1 00	4 40	65 00	5 00	75 40
20. Schnur, G.H., Jr., Omaha	St. Mark's	2 00	6 00	60 00		68 00
21. Shrader, A. B., Grand Island	St. Paul's	1 40	6 25	35 00	35 00	77 65
22. Sick, Chr., Fontanelle	Salem's			45 00	20 00	65 00
23. Sickel. B., Rockport, Mo.	St. John's	1 00				1 00
24. Smith, S. E., Ponca	Salem's	10 75	6 00	58 00	11 00	85 75
25. Spriegel, F., Weeping Water	St. Luke's	2 50	2 00	5 00	2 00	11 50
26. Stump, A., North Platte.	First	1 00				1 00
27. Thoele, W., Carrico	St. John's	2 00		1 59	1 89	5 48
28. Thomsen, C., Laramie, Wyo.	St. Paul's			25 00	7 00	32 00
29. White, R. A., Waverly	Trinity	2 00	6 20			8 20
Totals		122 80	$93 91	708 19	143 89	$1068 79

* Of Special Beneficence, included under "External Objects" in the general table.

† Kountze Memorial contributed $200.00 additional to amount reported for Traveling Secretary.

APPENDIX II

PAROCHIAL.

Pastor's Name and Address.	Congregations, Names of.	Churches.	Stations.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Excommunication and all others.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Parochial Expenses for All Objects.
Albright, G. H., Beatrice	Trinity	1	-	1	2	-	4	1	3	1	-	65	$3000 00	$3000 00	$
Anderson, Chas., Potter															
Andreason, F. M., Rapid City, Dak	Bergen (Scand.)	1	1	-	1	2	5	-	-	2	2	23	2000 00	475 00	7
Aughey, S., LL.D., Lincoln.															
Augustine, I. N., Bruning, Neb.	Christ's	1	1	1	2	4	2	-	-	1	-	14			9
Baird, C., South Sioux City, Neb.	Grace	1	1	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	9	1000 00	150 00	7
Bond, J., Ohiowa	Salem	1	-	2	7	-	3	6	2	3	-	53	3500 00		50
Cook, S., Springfield.	St. John's, (Ger.)	1	1	1	-	1	15	-	3	-	-	53	1020 00	100 00	30
Detweiler, J. S., 2518 Davenport, Omaha.	Kountze Memorial	1	1	-	-	-	19	2	8	14	5	176	100000 00	2500 00	1320
Dirks, John H., Febing	St. John's (Ger.)	1	1	5	10	1	27	-	7	2	-	204	6000 00		50
Ewald, Peter, Orleans	Trinity	1	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	23	-	22	40 00		15
Eyster, Prof. W. F., Crete	St. John's	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	9	-	8			15
Fisher, C. L. T., Sidney	Trinity	1	1	-	-	2	4	4	8	4	-	49	5000 00		25
Fraser, Geo. W., Bloomington	Trinity	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	16	1600 00		25
Fricke, H. W., Hooper	First (Franklin)	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	29	2550 00	740 00	250
Gafert, Fred., Grand Island	German St. Paul's	1	2	-	2	-	53	-	13	-	-	250	2000 00		320
Griffith, J. G., Auburn	St. Paul's	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	4	-	60	2000 00	500 00	300
Groenmiller, J. G., Hanover, Kan.	Trinity	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	4	-	51	4000 00		600
Grommisch, W. T., St. Joseph, Kan.	Zion's						1	3	3	-	-	57	2200 00	52 00	150
	St. John's (Lan'm	2	-	1	-	-	27	-	15	-	-	120	5000 00	300 00	600
	Zion's (German)	1	-	1	-	-	27	-	10	6	-	47	5400 00		320
Gutleben, J. Home, Kan.	Friedens } Ger.	2	1	2	-	-	17	-	11	-	-	50	2800 00		450
	Emanuel's }														
Hall, E. J., McCook.															
Hansen, H. P., Denver, Col.	Trinity (Scand.)	1	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	12	46	16000 00	4200 00	422
Huber, C., 2724 Burdette, Omaha	Syn. Trav. Sec'y														
Vacancies supplied by Sec. Huber.	Cheyenne, Wy.														
	First Scand.	1	-	1	-	7	3	-	-	-	-	20	1500 00	700 00	400
	Fillmore Co.														
	Zion's (German)	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	43	600 00		
	Morrill, Kan	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	2000 00		75
	St. Paul	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	2000 00		
	Oakland, Neb.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	2000 00	600 00	
	Trinity	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	2000 00		
	Grace	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	1500 00		53
	Tekamah	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	44	3500 00	300 00	220
	First	1	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	63	3500 00		360
Jacoby, J. C., West Point	Eng. Ev. Luth.	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	44	3500 00	300 00	220
Jacoby, J. C., Nebraska City	First	1	-	-	-	-	15	-	9	7	-	75	20000 00	4100 00	1200
Jatho, A., Sacramento, Cal.	Ev. Lutheran	1	-	1	-	-	4	-	4	8	-	27	6500 00	2300 00	125
Kimmel, J. W., McCook	Trinity	1	15	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Knight, Lloyd, Yutan.															
Kossick, M., Ridgely	St. John's (Ger.)	1	1	8	-	1	54	-	8	-	-	85	1100 00		765
Krueger, Karl, Ponca	German Salem's	3	-	2	-	-	11	-	11	-	-	86	600 00		1150
Kuhlman, J. F., Roca	Zion's	1	-	1	-	-	5	-	2	-	-	31	2500 00		275
Kuhns, H. W., D.D., Omaha.															
Kuhns, Luther M., Omaha	New Work, B. H. M						3								
Kunkelman, M. L., Benedict	Zion's	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	2975 15	500 00	320
Lenker, J. N., Grand Island (B. C. E.)	Bethel	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	37	1800 00	487 50	250
Lipe, L. L., Lincoln, Neb.	St. Mark's	1	-	-	9	-	1	-	-	1	-	44	8000 00	2400 00	335

AROCHIAL REPORT.

Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	Members of Children's Missionary Society.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Miss. Soc.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.
		SUNDAY-SCHOOL.			BENEVOLENCE.										
	11	75	$45 00		$1 16	$2 00	$6 50	$6 25	$6 50	$5 00				$15 00	$42 41
						2 00									2 00
	2	8	35												
	6	30	20 00		1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00						7 00
	6	40	9 75	25											
	10	80	34 50	25	1 00	4 00	15 75	8 00	4 45	8 00	10 00		2 00	63 08	116 26
	5	40	34 25		1 50	7 00	4 00	4 31	4 00	3 39		1 00	1 00	8 05	34 25
	31	325	342 16		5 00	10 00	91 00	162 60	55 00	28 64	118 40	5 00	31 50	276 50	783 64
	12	100					45 00	16 20	68 00	47 25				350 00	526 45
	30	98					83	83							1 66
							48	47							95
	8	54	30 00		1 00	1 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	3 25	5 00			4 20	34 45
	4	25	15 00			1 70									1 70
	8	75	15 00		3 00	2 00	12 00	88 50		115 00					220 50
	1	10			1 90	5 00	8 00	6 82	1 60	10 64				37 50	80 46
	10	100		52	1 00	5 00	20 99	22 50	10 00	8 75	21 75		2 50	8 20	100 69
	10	100		10	1 00	5 00	27 01	27 53	10 93	15 00	11 15		2 50	8 15	108 27
	6	100	14 00		2 30	18 60	40 50	40 50		50 55				25 00	177 45
	7	42	30 70		79	3 70	6 81	3 70		16 70				18 00	49 70
	12	100			50	1 50	2 00	2 00							6 00
	3	12	5 52				7 50	5 93							13 45
					1 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 50		1 00	1 00	2 50	20 00
					70	3 80	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00		1 00		9 00	20 00
						4 02	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00			1 00	3 00	19 02
					1 00	7 00	8 50	7 52	7 00	3 00		1 00	2 00	6 22	43 24
	12	75	31 63	20	1 00	2 25	8 00	10 00	9 00	6 75	7 05		1 00	26 00	71 05
	10	108	43 19		1 42	7 10	36 62	22 45	27 62	10 65				2 84	108 70
	15	95	26 16		1 00	7 00	4 50	4 50	4 50	2 00				70 00	93 50
	12	252													
	7	70	25 00	23	1 00	2 00	6 25	5 00	17 15	5 00	10 00		2 00	11 00	59 40
						2 00									2 00
	6	40	9 00				5 00	2 00		5 26				10 00	22 26
	8	30	2 50		1 00	7 00	23 00	10 00		4 00	6 00	5 00		27 50	83 50
	20	40	48 00		1 00	5 00	16 00	20 50	7 00			2 00	4 75	9 00	65 25
	7	45			49	2 00	5 39	4 90	5 40	3 63	20 00				41 86
	6	40			49	2 00	5 39	4 90	5 40	3 68					21 86
	20	60	24 22	20			16 70	7 30	3 04		16 10				43 14

Pastor's Name and Address.	Congregations, Names of.	PAROCHIAL.																
				Losses.			Accessions.						Finances.					
		Churches.	Stations.	Death.	Certificate.	Excommunication and all others.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.	Value.	Officers and Teachers.	
Ludwig, A. T., West Point.																		
Luschei, O. L., Greenleaf, Kas.	No Report	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20						
McCool, W. C., Wayne	Dakota Cy.	1	.	.	.	.	4	1	.	4	.	16	$1000 00	. . . .	$14			
	Homer	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	18	. . . .	. . . .	7			
Melick, M. L., Wayne	St. Paul's	1	1	1	3	.	7	2	6	.	.	52	3000 00	$700 00	40			
Moessner, Chr., Columbus	St. John's (Ger.)	1	2	5	.	.	29	.	23	.	.	130	3000 00	. . . .	120			
Mueller, J. F., Wayne	(Ger., no Report.)																	
Neumaerker, Richard, Barada	St. Peter's (Ger.)	3	1	7	.	.	17	.	18	3	.	80	3850 00	650 00	40			
Opsal, H. O., Laramie, Wyo.	Trinity (Scand.)	1	.	5	.	16	12	.	.	.	.	65	3600 00	100 00	100			
Pugh, B. F., Rising	First	1	3	.	6	.	2	.	.	1	.	36	5000 00	500 00	60			
	Trinity (David Cy.)	1	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	10	800 00					
	Zion's (Surprise)	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	11	2000 00	600 00				
Roernaes, H. C., Norway, Kas.	Ch. of our Saviour	1	2	3	.	5	8	.	.	3	.	45	1475 00	222 00	120			
Roos, Charles, Pueblo, Colo.	Immanuel (Scand.)	1	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	11	16	. . . .	. . . .	40			
Rosenstengel, Wm., Albuquerque, New Mex.	Trinity of Santa Fe and Zion's of Belen	2	1	.	.	.	9	.	.	.	1	24	. . . .	. . . .	144			
Schnur, G. H., Yutan	Zion's	1	1	.	3	4	2	.	.	1	.	18	4500 00	450 00	36			
Schnur, George H., 1342 N. 18, Omaha	St. Mark's	1	.	.	.	.	11	.	3	6	6	57	5500 00	2000 00	120			
Schumann, Hermann, Boheet.	St. Paul's (Ger.)	1	2	2	.	.	24	.	13	.	.	48	2000 00	60 00	20			
Schwartz, Fred., Gothenberg.	Zion's	1	5	.	.	.	12	.	7	.	.	45	1500 00	400 00	60			
Shrader, A. B., Grand Island.	St. Paul's	1	.	2	.	.	11	4	4	2	8	46	20000 00	1400 00	400			
Shultz, D. H., Potter	(Unorganized)	.	2	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	17	400 00	. . . .	5			
Sick, Chr., Fontanelle	Salem's (Ger.)	1	1	.	.	.	20	.	16	.	.	136	6000 00	. . . .	300			
Clark Creek	Salem's	1	.	.	.	.	24	.	10	.	.	37	800 00	. . . .	. . .			
Sickel, B. Th., Rockport, Mo.	First (German)	1	1	.	3	.	7	.	.	5	.	45	2500 00	100 00	75			
	St. John's	1	.	.	.	2	8	.	4	5	.	64	2000 00	. . . .	50			
Siekman, H., Hastings	St. Paul's (Ger.)	1	.	6	.	.	23	.	.	.	.	40	2500 00	1800 00	30			
Glanville	St. Paul's (Ger.)	1	.	6	.	.	7	.	.	.	.	34	2000 00	. . . .	30			
Smith, S. E., Ponca	Salem's	2	.	.	5	.	3	1	6	5	.	54	3500 00	. . . .	30			
Spriegel, F., Weeping Water.	St. Luke's	1	2	11	.	.	26	.	.	.	.	210	1500 00	. . . .	45			
Starner, K. J., Kearney	Trinity, etc.	4	2	.	.	2	14	.	5	.	.	72	2100 00	. . . .	45			
Stump, Adam, North Platte.	First	1	2	.	1	.	19	.	4	.	2	76	12000 00	1400 00	120			
Thoele, Wm., Carrico	St. John's (Ger.)	1	.	.	3	.	5	.	5	.	.	47	1160 00	60 00	20			
Thomsen, Chr., Laramie, Wyo	St. Paul's (Ger.)	1	.	.	.	.	13	.	4	.	.	13	1000 00	. . . .	60			
Waage, M. J., Glenwood Springs, Colo.	(General Mission)	4	2	1	.	.	7	.	.	.	.	96						
White, R. A., Waverly	Trinity	1	.	2	.	.	3	.	4	1	.	55	3200 00	56 00	40			
Wolff, Julius, Sterling	St. John's (Ger.)	1	.	2	2	.	9	.	4	.	.	21	1000 00	100 00	20			
Zimmer, J. N., Elk City																		
Zimmerman, J., Lincoln																		
Totals 1888		86	61	81	71	32	767	27	256	124	48	3866	$331050 15	36032 50	4780			
Totals 1887		73	36	86	98	92	554	25	256	124	52	3051	265000 00	42570 00	3636			
Increase		13	25	.	.	.	213	2	.	.	.	815	$66050 15	. . . .	$144			

Unions.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	Members of Children's Missionary Society.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Miss. Soc.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.
			SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		**BENEVOLENCE.**										
	13	50	$39 45		$ 35	$1 60	$5 00	$3 20	$3 55	$2 40				$20 00	$36 10
					2 50	2 25	5 00	5 00	5 00				$2 50	29 60	51 85
	20	110	30 00	41	1 00	4 80	10 60	9 60	10 60	7 20	6 00		3 00	27 00	79 80
		24			2 00	10 00	35 00	10 00		44 00				65 00	166 00
	12	52			1 65	6 20	12 55	10 00	10 15	15 00	2 00			5 00	62 55
	6	40	82 65			3 00	17 66	11 60	9 30				5 15		46 71
	7	48	26 00		82	4 10	13 00	8 20	9 02	6 15	54 00			18 25	113 54
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